

## Gay Games VII Scholarship Program Application

A collaboration between Chicago Games, Inc., and the Federation of Gay Games

Dear Applicant,

One of the most important goals of the international lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) sports movement is to reach into areas where there has been little or no LGBT sports and cultural activity. In this spirit, Chicago Games, Inc., and the international Federation of Gay Games have established the Gay Games VII Scholarship Program to provide low-income lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and straight individuals with the financial assistance they need to participate in Gay Games VII. We welcome your interest in Gay Games VII and being part of the international LGBT sports and cultural movement – particularly if you have never taken part in a Gay Games.

**The Gay Games VII Scholarship Program offers financial support to participants in the following areas:**

- Travel expenses
- Accommodations
- Gay Games participation and event registration fees
- Daily stipend for 15–22 July 2006

### Application process

*All applicants must be at least 18 years of age on July 15, 2006.*

The first step in the application process is for you to complete and submit an application along with copies of the requested supporting materials to the Gay Games VII Scholarship Program. **The deadline for submission is January 1, 2006;** applications received after 1 January will be considered if scholarships are still available. It is important that your application be accurate and complete. If any part of the application contains inaccurate information or if false information or documentation is submitted, the application will be rejected before processing.

After the application is received, the Scholarship administrators will send you a confirmation. An administrator will review and rank your application based on your need for assistance. All information you submit will be treated as confidential and will be considered in the ranking.

### Awarding Scholarships

After the deadline for applications, the Scholarship administrators will begin assigning scholarships to applicants according to their ranking. Those applicants who qualify for a scholarship will be notified. After you are notified that you have been selected to receive a scholarship, you will then have to provide proof that you can travel to the United States before your Gay Games VII Scholarship will be official. If you will require a United States Visa to travel to Chicago for the Gay Games, we recommend that you begin now to prepare the appropriate documents for that application process – <http://unitedstatesvisas.gov> or contact a US consulate in your country.

If you need further information or assistance with the application process, please write to [Scholarships@GayGamesChicago.org](mailto:Scholarships@GayGamesChicago.org)

Thank you for applying to the Gay Games VII Scholarship Program.

Sincerely,  
The Gay Games VII Scholarship Task Force

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All information contained on the application form and any other supporting materials will be used solely for the review and awarding of Gay Games VII Scholarships. Chicago Games, Inc. and the international Federation of Gay Games are using the same application for, selection criteria and administrative processes. All information in the applications will be treated as confidential and will only be shared with these two organizations. It will not be shared with any other organization without the expressed written consent of the applicant.

## I. Level of Financial Support

*Since funds are limited, we ask all applicants to carefully consider what type of assistance they need, so we can offer support to as many applicants as possible. Therefore, please indicate the minimal level of support necessary for you to participate in the Gay Games VII (that is, indicate the level of support without which you will not be able to participate).*

A. I am applying for the following types of financial support (Check all types that you require)

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Travel expenses  
\_\_\_\_\_ 2. Accommodations  
\_\_\_\_\_ 3. Gay Games participation and event registration fees  
\_\_\_\_\_ 4. Daily stipend for 14–22 July 2006

B. I already registered for Gay Games VII—Chicago. My registration number is \_\_\_\_\_

## II. Contact Information

A. The best way to contact me is by: \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Postal Mail \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Phone \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Email

B. Please use discretion when contacting me \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Yes \_\_\_\_\_ 2. No

C. Mailing Address

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State/Province/District \_\_\_\_\_ Postal code \_\_\_\_\_

Country \_\_\_\_\_

D. Phone

1. Primary \_\_\_\_\_

This is my: \_\_\_\_\_ a. Home \_\_\_\_\_ b. Mobile \_\_\_\_\_ c. Work \_\_\_\_\_ d. Other (describe) \_\_\_\_\_

2. Secondary \_\_\_\_\_

This is my: \_\_\_\_\_ a. Home \_\_\_\_\_ b. Mobile \_\_\_\_\_ c. Work \_\_\_\_\_ d. Other (describe) \_\_\_\_\_

3. Fax \_\_\_\_\_

This is my: \_\_\_\_\_ a. Home \_\_\_\_\_ b. Mobile \_\_\_\_\_ c. Work \_\_\_\_\_ d. Other (describe) \_\_\_\_\_

E. Email \_\_\_\_\_

F. Please send confirmation that my application has been received using \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Email \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Postal mail

G. Emergency contact

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

H. I am a member of a team applying for a scholarship \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

Team Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Team Sport: \_\_\_\_\_

I. Other team members applying for a scholarship (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

**III. Personal Information**

- A. Date of Birth: (mm/dd/yy) \_\_\_\_\_ Country of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_
- B. Gender \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Female \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Male \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Transgender \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Other \_\_\_\_\_
- C. Gender as participant \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Female \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Male \_\_\_\_\_
- D. 1. What is your primary language? \_\_\_\_\_ 2. What is your secondary language? \_\_\_\_\_
- E. The Race or Ethnic group that best describes me is \_\_\_\_\_
- F. Sexual orientation  
 \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Homosexual/Gay/Lesbian \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Bisexual \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Heterosexual  
 \_\_\_\_\_ 4. If other, please describe \_\_\_\_\_ 5. I prefer not to answer \_\_\_\_\_
- G. I began identifying myself as gay, lesbian, bisexual, or transgender after January 2003. \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No
- H. Ability challenges \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Blind \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Deaf \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Mobility \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Dexterity \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Other \_\_\_\_\_
- I. Medical challenges \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Cancer \_\_\_\_\_ 2. HIV+ \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Other \_\_\_\_\_
- J. I am living with homophobia directed specifically at me in the form of ongoing verbal abuse or the threat of violence or physical violence from my government, people in my community, or my family. (This can be for your sexual orientation or for your support of LGBT people.)  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No
- K. Location of residence \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Urban \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Rural \_\_\_\_\_
- L. My relationship status is \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Married/Partnered \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Single \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Divorced \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Widowed/Widower \_\_\_\_\_
- M. Dependents — Please list all dependents and indicate if they are:
- |          | Partner or Spouse | Parent | Child | Other family relative | Friend | Other (Describe) |
|----------|-------------------|--------|-------|-----------------------|--------|------------------|
| 1. _____ | _____             | _____  | _____ | _____                 | _____  | _____            |
| 2. _____ | _____             | _____  | _____ | _____                 | _____  | _____            |
| 3. _____ | _____             | _____  | _____ | _____                 | _____  | _____            |
| 4. _____ | _____             | _____  | _____ | _____                 | _____  | _____            |

**IV. Work and Income Information**

- A. I currently am  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Employed \_\_\_\_\_ a Homemaker (taking care of my family) \_\_\_\_\_ a Student  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Unemployed \_\_\_\_\_ Dependent (family or governmental)
- Company or School \_\_\_\_\_
- Contact name \_\_\_\_\_
- Phone \_\_\_\_\_
- Email \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ My privacy is important, please do not contact my employer or school.
- B. My annual income and resources total: \_\_\_\_\_ (Include all sources of income; students: indicate loans and scholarships)
- C. Verification of my income/resources:  
 \_\_\_\_\_ 1. is attached \_\_\_\_\_ 2. will be faxed \_\_\_\_\_ 3. will be emailed \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Other (explain) \_\_\_\_\_







B. I have participated in Gay Games:

I have never participated in a Gay Games event.

1982 Gay Games I, San Francisco My Sport or Cultural activity \_\_\_\_\_

1986 Gay Games II, San Francisco My Sport or Cultural activity \_\_\_\_\_

1990 Gay Games III, Vancouver My Sport or Cultural activity \_\_\_\_\_

1994 Gay Games IV, New York My Sport or Cultural activity \_\_\_\_\_

1998 Gay Games V, Amsterdam My Sport or Cultural activity \_\_\_\_\_

2002 Gay Games VI, Sydney My Sport or Cultural activity \_\_\_\_\_

## VI. Applicant Essay

Write an essay answering each of the questions below. Write up to 250 words. *Attach separate sheets that include all essay responses.* If English is not your native language please write in your native language.

- Why would you like to participate in the Gay Games?
- What are the aspects of the Gay Games event that are influential in your decision to participate?
- How will participating in the Gay Games affect your life and your ability to affect change your community?

## VII. Signature and declaration of truth

All information on this form and all supporting/attached documents is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. By signing this application, I agree, if asked, to provide information that will verify the accuracy of my responses on this form and any supporting documents I submit. In addition, the Scholarship Program may share this information with Chicago Games, Inc., and the Federation of Gay Games solely for the purpose of the scholarship program.

If I am awarded a scholarship, I agree to provide—within two (2) months—written proof that I have a valid US visa to travel to the United States from 14–22 July 2006. The scholarship will be forfeited if I do not produce such proof within that time.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant's signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

My application was prepared by someone other than me.

a. Entire application  b. Some parts of the application

Preparer's name \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

Best way to contact:  1. Postal mail  2. Phone  3. Email

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Province/State \_\_\_\_\_ Postal code \_\_\_\_\_

Country \_\_\_\_\_

*Chicago Games, Inc., and the Federation of Gay Games are 501(c)3 nonprofit organizations incorporated in the United States.*

*Though the Gay Games VII Scholarship Program will attempt to accommodate as many people as possible, it is not possible to accommodate everyone with regard to special needs, variation in demographic traits, and financial need. This is particularly the case with assisting Gay Games VII Scholarship Program applicants with the application process for a US Visa.*