GSD Student Health Fund

Purpose of the Fund
The UR Pride Centre has created a GSD Student Health Fund to support queer, trans and intersex students to subsidize health and wellness costs associated with navigating GSD issues.

Name of the Fund
The current name of the fund is the GSD Student Health Fund (hereinafter referred to as “the Fund”). UR Pride may choose to rename this fund, using a consensus-based process with their members.

Fund Amount and Timing
UR Pride will be contributing an annual amount of $2,000.00 to the Fund. Each year, any unused funds will roll-over to the following year. If the Fund reaches a total of $10,000, UR Pride reserves the right to not contribute funds during that fiscal year.

Every March during LGBT Health Awareness Week, UR Pride will solicit for donations from the community to add to the Fund.

The Fund will distribute funds, on a rolling basis.

Fund Criteria
Commencing in March 2018, UR Pride will begin accepting applications for the Fund to students matching this criteria:

- Enrolled in any area of study at the University of Regina or an affiliated college;
- Self-declared queer, trans or intersex; and
- Demonstrates financial need.

For the purpose of the Fund, UR Pride understands “health and wellness costs” as, but not limited, to:

- Costs associated with a social, hormonal, or surgical transition such as laser hair removal, gender affirmation surgery, clothing or accessories (binders, breast forms, etc.), hormones;
- Costs associated with receiving mental health care from queer inclusive mental health care practitioners;
- Costs associated with legal transitions such as name change fees;
- Other costs deemed appropriate by the UR Pride Finance Committee or alternate.
Application Process
Any student at the University of Regina, who is a member in good standing with UR Pride, may apply for funding by providing UR Pride with a letter which includes:

- Their name;
- Information about how they identify with regards to the queer, trans or intersex community;
- Information about the purpose for their request;
- Information about their financial need;
- Proof of enrollment; and
- The amount of funds that they are applying for.

Selection Process
The GSD Student Health Fund Committee, made up campus community members and UR Pride board members (or the Finance Committee of UR Pride) will review applications on a monthly basis.

The Committee will make decisions based on:

- The total request compared to the remaining total in the Fund;
- Whether or not the applicant meets the criteria for the Fund;
- Financial need of all applicants;
- If the request is a cost deemed appropriate as a “health and wellness cost”;
- Standing of applicant with UR Pride and the Fund; and
- Any conflicts of interest between the applicants and UR Pride.

If an applicant is successful, they will be required to:

- Arrange for UR Pride to pay for their health and wellness costs directly; or
- Provide proof of payment for all costs associated with the request to the Fund.

If an applicant is unsuccessful, they may reapply at any time.

Standing of Applicants
An applicant is considered in good standing when:

- They are a member of UR Pride who has paid all required membership costs;
- They do not have any outstanding materials from the UR Pride Library;
- They do not have any unresolved grievances filed against them on behalf of another UR Pride member; and
- They do not have any outstanding requirements from any previous funding allocation from UR Pride.


**Recognition of Other Donors**

UR Pride will solicit donations for the fund each March. During this time, other community members and organizations may donate to the fund. Any funds collected are rolled over into future fiscal years.

Donors will be offered the following recognition:

- Donor name listed on the UR Pride Centre website;
- Donor name listed in a letter of approval awarded to recipients;
- An invitation to an annual event in celebration of LGBT Health Awareness.

Donors do not have the right to receive information about the recipients of the Fund.

**Confidentiality**

The Fund is subject to *The Local Authority Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (Saskatchewan) (the “Act”). UR Pride respects the privacy of its donors and agrees to protect the Donor’s personal information in accordance with the Act. The information provided by the Donor will be used to keep the Donor informed about UR Pride’s services, special events, fundraising programs, and other activities through periodic contact.

The names of recipients to the Fund will remain entirely confidential, unless the recipient themselves chooses to disclose the allocation of funds.