

# 2016-2017 Lax Scholarship Application

Application Deadline - February 1, 2016

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The Lax Scholarship Fund was established in 1994 by the late entrepreneur and inventor Jonathan R. Lax for the express purpose of encouraging gay men to obtain higher education, to aspire to positions in which they contribute to society, to be out about their sexual orientation, and to act as role models for other gay men with similar potential.

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Please complete all required fields and submit your application by 5:00 pm (EST) on February 1, 2016.

NOTE: It is a good idea to PRINT THE APPLICATION FIRST, review it and decide what you plan to write, and then come back and fill out the application. You can come back to this application any time using the link emailed to you and your data will be saved. You will not be able to change any information once you hit Submit so do NOT hit Submit until you are finished with the application.

\*Required fields are marked with a red asterisk.\*

If you need assistance while completing this form, please call 215-731-1107 x206.

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## I. Personal Information:

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### Full Name

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First Name

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Last Name

**Last 4 Digits of Social Security Number :** \_\_\_\_\_

### Permanent Address :

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Street Address

\_\_\_\_\_

Street Address Line 2

\_\_\_\_\_

City

\_\_\_\_\_

State / Province

\_\_\_\_\_

Postal / Zip Code

\_\_\_\_\_

Country

**Current or School  
Address (if same, write  
"same"):**

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address Line 2

\_\_\_\_\_  
City

\_\_\_\_\_  
State / Province

\_\_\_\_\_  
Postal / Zip Code

\_\_\_\_\_  
Country

**Primary Phone Number :**

**Alternate Phone Number :**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Area Code

\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
Area Code

\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number

**E-mail :**

\_\_\_\_\_

**Birthdate:**

**Age (at time of application):**

Month

Day

Year

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**Race (optional):**

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**Have you previously  
applied for a Lax  
Scholarship?**

No, this is my first application

Yes, I have previously applied, but was declined

Yes, I was previously awarded a Lax Scholarship

## II. Educational History

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Please provide the following information regarding your previous academic studies, including high school, undergraduate college, and graduate or professional school. Please list in order starting with high school.

**Name of High School  
attended:**

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**Location:**

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**Years attended:**

\_\_\_\_\_

**Year of graduation:** \_\_\_\_\_

**GPA:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Name of Prior Institution  
(if applicable):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Location:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Years attended:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Year of graduation:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Course of Study and  
Degree:** \_\_\_\_\_

**GPA:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Name of  
Current/Proposed  
Institution (if applicable):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Location:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Years attended:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Year of graduation:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Course of Study and  
Degree:** \_\_\_\_\_

**GPA:** \_\_\_\_\_

### **III. Activities and Honors**

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Please describe any honors, fellowships, awards, extracurricular activities, publications, exhibitions, performances, or other activities that are relevant to this application. Please use this space to list your most significant achievements rather than your entire resume. Be sure to include activities which concern gay-related or gay-sponsored organizations.

**Activities and Honors**

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## **IV. Educational Plan for 2016-2017**

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Please provide information for up to three institutions where you might study during the next academic year.

**Name of Institution**

**Location**

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**Degree Sought**

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**Name of Institution**

**Location**

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**Degree Sought**

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**Name of Institution**

**Location**

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**Degree Sought**

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## V. Employment History

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Please provide information on your past three employers, earliest to most recent, if any.

**Employer Name**

**Location**

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**Dates of Employment**

**Position**

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**Employer Name**

**Location**

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**Dates of Employment**

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**Position**

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## VI. Financial Need

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**Education and Living Expenses:**

## **Personal and Family Resources:**

## **Financial Aid:**

Please provide a narrative statement of your financial need that explains the financial information provided above. Please limit your statement to a **MAXIMUM** of 1000 characters (approximately 150 words). Please note that anything longer will be truncated.

## **VI. Personal Statement**

**Please provide a personal statement up to a MAXIMUM of 6500 characters (approximately 1000 words).**

Mr. Lax established this scholarship with the goals of encouraging gay men to obtain additional education, aspire to positions in which they may contribute to society, be open about their sexual orientation, and act as role models for other gay men with similar potential.

Please reflect and comment on the goals of this scholarship and how you expect to meet them. You may include references to some or all of the following issues: what being gay means to you, how you have faced and confronted homophobia in your personal life or in your community, and/or how you have contributed to society or intend to contribute to society in the future.

**NOTE: It is a good idea to write your personal statement using a word processor and paste it into the field below to prevent data loss.**

## **VII. References**

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Please provide names and contact information for three individuals whom you have asked to write reference letters on behalf of your application. Please remember that it is your responsibility to make sure that these reference letters are in our office by 5:00 pm (EST) on February 1, 2016.

**Academic Reference**

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**Title**

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**Phone Number**

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Area Code      Phone Number

**E-mail**

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**Community Involvement  
Reference**

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**Title**

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**Phone Number**

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Area Code      Phone Number

**E-mail**

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**Personal Reference**

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**Title**

\_\_\_\_\_

**Phone Number**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Area Code      Phone Number

**E-mail**

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**VIII. Academic Transcripts**

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Please indicate which institutions will be forwarding academic transcripts for your application\*. In order to be considered, transcripts for all schools must be submitted. Please remember that it is your responsibility to make sure that these transcripts are in our office by 5:00 pm (EST) on February 1, 2015.

\* Please note: ONLY Undergraduate students are required to submit High School transcripts.

Transcripts are being sent from:

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### **Thank you for submitting an application for the Lax Scholarship!**

Once you submit your form, you will receive a confirmation shortly via email. Transcripts and all three letters of reference must be submitted as one complete packet and mailed to: Lax Scholarship Fund, c/o Bread & Roses Community Fund, The Philadelphia Building, 1315 Walnut Street, Suite 1300, Philadelphia, PA 19107.

Next steps. The Lax Scholarship Fund committee will review applications received and select a number of applicants to move on to the next phase which is a face-to-face interview with the committee. Interviews will be held on April 1st and 2nd, so please HOLD BOTH OF THESE DATES until you hear from Bread & Roses. Notification of interview status (invited or declined) will be sent to EACH applicant. The committee will select this year's Lax Scholars from those interviewed.

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