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## ABOUT US

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**The Missouri Courage Scholarship (MCS)** is a state-wide LGBTQ scholarship organization in Missouri. We fund annual scholarships for graduating high school seniors pursuing higher education. Our mission is to acknowledge, affirm, and reward students who demonstrate courage and take a stand for social justice.

We have awarded over \$25,000 in scholarships to students in our two-year history. MCS is a federally-recognized 501c3 organization; all donations are tax-exempt.

We currently award scholarships in three categories; anyone who receives a scholarship is a **Courage Scholar**:

*The Missouri Courage Award (MCA)* is dedicated each year to a Missouri student who has either demonstrated their commitment to work for change in their community that advances the lives of LGBTQ people and other social justice causes.

*The Rural Courage Award (RCA)* is intended for students residing in rural Missouri communities who meet the MCA scholarship qualifications. If applications are received from Dent County, Missouri, those applicants will be given an advantage in the selection criteria.

*The Trans Courage Award (TCA)* is dedicated each year to a Missouri student who identifies as transgender / gender non-binary and meets the MCA scholarship qualifications.

*Pride Partnership Awards.* MCS also acts as the scholarship arm of multiple Pride organizations in Missouri. We coordinate the process, collect and review the applications, and assist the organizations with the awards.

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## HOW YOU CAN HELP

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We count on our donors, sponsors, and partners to make this a sustainable effort.

**DONATE:** Become a sustaining member or make an annual gift <https://actionnetwork.org/fundraising/support-mcs> (all donations are tax deductible)

**FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA:** Twitter @MCScholarship and Facebook at <http://facebook.com/couragescholarship>

**GET UPDATES & LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR COURAGE SCHOLARS:** <http://courage-scholarship.org>

**BECOME A COMMUNITY PARTNER:** We also partner with corporations and other organizations who want to support students who work for change in their communities. We have four levels of community sponsorship:

\$250-\$499	Friend of Courage	\$1,000-\$2,499	Champion of Courage
\$500-\$999	Ally of Courage	\$2,500+	Sponsor-Named Scholarship

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## WE'D LOVE YOUR SUPPORT

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We are led by our **Courage Co-Chairs**: Jacob Wilson ([jacob@courage-scholarship.org](mailto:jacob@courage-scholarship.org)) and Geneviève Steidtmann ([genevieve@courage-scholarship.org](mailto:genevieve@courage-scholarship.org)). We have a 13-member Board of Directors and a Courage Fellow. Contact any of us anytime to discuss the many ways you can make a difference to students in Missouri.