Michael P. LaGatella  
Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) Endowed Scholarship (Revised)

PURPOSE AND OVERVIEW
This scholarship fund, established by the friends of Michael P. LaGatella, is intended to promote a positive gay/lesbian identity and honor the memory of Michael P. LaGatella. equally important, this scholarship is intended as recognition that Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender people are not alone; the struggle for dignity and the realization of our self-potential is really the struggle of all of us. This fund is intended to recognize scholastic achievement, to encourage continued progress, and to assist students in financing their education at Wayne State University.

QUALIFICATIONS
- Students granted a scholarship will be awarded funds in both fall 2016 and winter 2017.
- Applicants may be full-time or part-time undergraduate students.
- Applicants should demonstrate promise or potential to advocate for the concerns of the LGBT community.
- No minimum GPA requirement, but applicants must be in good academic standing.
- Students must demonstrate financial need on the 2016-17 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
  - Submit your FAFSA at fafsa.gov by March 31, 2016 to be considered for this award.
- Recipients may use awards for tuition and other educational expenses.

2016-17 APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS AND PROCESS
- Signed Candidate Information Sheet
- Unofficial Transcript
- Resume (if available)
- Essay
  - The essay should be divided into three parts (each section maximum one-page, single-space, typed) as outlined below:
    - Part I: Submit a written statement expressing how a scholarship award would help you promote a positive gay/lesbian identity.
    - Part II: Describe any activities, clubs, or other experiences that have helped further the struggle for dignity of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender people. If you have not had an opportunity to become actively involved in the community, (due to time, money or other constraints) please describe how you hope to promote a positive gay/lesbian identity in the future.
    - Part III: Include a statement of your educational career/professional goals.

Make sure all materials are submitted by the deadline of 5:00 pm on March 31, 2016. Late or incomplete applications may not be considered.

Documents can be uploaded to the WSU private scholarship application, emailed as attachments to scholarships@wayne.edu or mailed to:

LaGatella Scholarship Committee  
Office of Student Financial Aid  
Wayne State University  
P.O. Box 2340-0340  
42 W. Warren, Detroit, MI 48202-0340
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Candidate Information Sheet

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I grant authorization to Wayne State University to release my educational records consisting of academic, demographic and financial information for considering me for scholarships and for publication of any scholarships awarded to me. This release is effective until revoked by me by a signed request to the Registrar’s Office. I also agree to complete a thank you letter to the donors upon request by the University. By submitting this application, I understand if selected for this award, my financial aid package may be affected.

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