

**THE  
TRICOUNTY LGBT ALLIANCE**  
CALAVERAS + AMADOR + TUOLUMNE  
PO Box 894  
Murphys, CA 95247



Dear 2022-2023 Seniors,

It is our mission to be a safe and secure network for the LGBTQIA+ community, and its allies, with a primary focus on education, awareness, resources and spreading our message of love and peace throughout the world. We accept people from all walks of life with no exclusion based on gender, sexual preference, sexual identity, race, religion, nationality or background. We are a safe and secure community for all. As a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, the Tri-County LGBT Alliance strives to establish good relationships within our community, friends and neighbors for social, economic, human and utopian growth.

Interestingly, four in 10 LGBTQIA+ youth (42%) say the community in which they live is not accepting of those identifying as LGBTQIA+, but there's hope for our young people. 75% of LGBTQIA+ youth say that most of their peers do not have a problem with their identity as LGBTQ. And, over three quarters (77%) of LGBTQIA+ youth say they know things will get better. It is our mission to ensure that it does! That is why the Tri-County LGBT Alliance is thrilled to continue its support of the advancement and growth of our local youth with the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual LGBTQ Acceptance Scholarship Program.

This is a scholarship opportunity available to area seniors graduating in 2023. Application for consideration is simple: If you identify as LGBTQIA+, or an LGBTQIA+ ally, write a 500 word minimum essay on what acceptance means to you. Submissions must be completed and postmarked by April 1st, 2023. To submit an essay, mail it to Tri-County LGBT Alliance at PO Box 894 Murphys, CA 95247 or email it to [tricitylgbtalliance@gmail.com](mailto:tricitylgbtalliance@gmail.com). Please include a cover letter with your full name, contact information and what school you attend. **The essay should follow the cover letter without your name so that they may be read anonymously.** Up to \$2000 will be awarded in varying amounts to selected recipients; scholarships will be announced by May 15th, 2023 and awarded shortly after.

For more information, please contact our Board at [tricitylgbtalliance@gmail.com](mailto:tricitylgbtalliance@gmail.com).

We look forward to hearing from you!

Sincerely,

The Tri-County LGBT Alliance