



ESSAY CONTEST

Awareness Month, April 2011

Submission Guidelines:

- ▼ The contest is open to undergraduate and graduate Northern Illinois University students.
- ▼ Students can write personal essays or research papers (including papers written for classes) that focus on the complexities of sexual and/or gender identity experiences, and/or the experiences of LGBT allies.
- ▼ Essays that explore connections between LGBT experiences and issues of race, gender, class, religion, and/or ability are especially encouraged.
- ▼ Essays may be any length up to 20 pages typed, double-spaced, and submitted as a Microsoft Word document, with 12-point font and 1-inch margins on all pages.
- ▼ Submissions should be sent electronically to lgbt@niu.edu with the subject line "Essay Contest Submission."
- ▼ In the body of the email message include: the author's name, address, telephone number, email address, area(s) of study, status as an undergraduate or graduate student, and title of submission.
- ▼ Attach the essay to the email message. Authors' names should not appear anywhere in the body of the essay. The title of the essay should appear on the first page of the body of the essay.

Selection Process:

- ▼ Submissions will be judged by a panel of readers in terms of relevance to the topic and quality and originality of writing. Essays will be coded when submitted and will be reviewed anonymously. Contingent upon the number and quality of essays submitted, the LGBT resource Center intends to award a first place \$100 prize.

Presentation of Award:

- ▼ The winning essay will be presented during the annual Pride Awards Dinner Banquet on April 29, 2011.

Submission Deadline:

Deadline for submission is: **4:30pm, Friday, March 11, 2011,**
to lgbt@niu.edu