# **Iowa's Matthew Shepard Scholarship**

Iowa's Matthew Shepard Scholarship Program works with highly motivated students who are interested in advice and assistance from adult mentors to accelerate their academic experience and performance, improve their adjustment to professional standards of behavior, goals, ethics and success and out-perform their age group in transitioning to adult leadership roles. Scholarship awards are based on academic aptitude, academic achievement, community service and financial need.

#### Silver Scholarships

Iowa's Silver Matthew Shepard Scholarship is an award of up to \$9,000 over 4 years. The initial scholarship of \$500 per semester may be used for tuition, books or fees at any college or university in the US.

### **Gold Scholarships**

Iowa's Gold Matthew Shepard Scholarship is an award of up to \$40,000 over four years. The scholarship pays tuition, books and fees at one of Iowa's three state universities:

Iowa State University

University of Iowa

University of Northern Iowa

#### **Scholarship Awards Dinner**

Scholarship recipients and their parents or guardians will be honored guests at Iowa's 2017 Matthew Shepard Scholarship Awards Dinner in Des Moines.

Additional tickets for other family members, community members and friends will be available at normal ticket prices.

Friday, June 2, 2017 Community Choice Credit Union Convention Center

## **College Prep Seminar**

All scholarship recipients will participate in our pre-college mentoring program at the Eychaner Foundation College Prep Seminar.

- o Learn about LGBTQ support services and student organizations on campus.
- o Meet previous Matthew Shepard Scholarship recipients.
- o Build friendships and support networks with LGBTQ students.
- o Learn college adjustment tips and skills from other LGBTQ students.