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Application Questions

Application Notes

- All of the following questions are required unless otherwise stated.
- Sections 1 through 3 should take about 30 minutes to complete.
- Sections 4 through 7 should take about two hours to complete.
- As a reminder, you can always save a draft of your application and return to it later.
- Your application will be graded by the following:
 - School Environment - 15%
 - Project Vision - 50%
 - Project Budget - 15%
 - Overall Review - 20%
 - Priority Criteria - +10% BONUS
- All answers must include collaboration with student leadership and demonstrate how students will be involved. Students can be invited to work on the application as a collaborator. You can find more information in [this article](#).

Eligibility Questions

1. Is your school located in the United States of America or one of its territories?
2. Is your school a public or charter secondary (middle or high) school?
3. Will this grant support LGBTQ+ students and educators at your school?
4. Will your grant project successfully include student/youth participation in the planning and execution of the proposed project?
5. Do you have a project plan that can be executed within one school year?
6. Will this grant fund research, political activities, scholarships, or the needs of a single student (NOTE: These types of activities will NOT receive funding.)?

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SCHOOL INFORMATION (Section 1 of 7)

1. Project Name
 - a. For example: Gender Affirming Closet at Hamilton High, CA
2. Upload a screenshot from the U.S. Department of Education's National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) of your school information.
 - a. Locate your school at <https://nces.ed.gov/ccd/schoolsearch/>. School name, city, and state should be sufficient to find your school. Once the results show, please click on the link for your school. This will take you to a page that provides all of your school information, such as address, Title 1 status, and total school population.
3. School Name

4. School State
5. School City
6. School Website

CONTACT INFORMATION (Section 2 of 7)

Below, please provide the name and contact information for the main faculty advisor and student leader directly overseeing the grant project .

1. Faculty Advisor Name
2. Faculty Advisor Title
3. Faculty Advisor Email
4. Student Leader Name
5. Student Leader Email

GENDER AND SEXUALITIES ALLIANCE (GSA) OR SIMILAR CLUB INFORMATION (Section 3 of 7)

In this section, we'd like to learn if your school has a Gender and Sexualities Alliance (GSA) or similar club, and if so, more information on the group. If your school does not currently have a GSA or similar club, don't worry. This will not penalize your application.

1. Does your school have a GSA or similar club?
 - a. Yes
 - i. Name of your GSA or similar club (if applicable)
 - ii. How often does your GSA or similar club meet?
 1. Weekly
 2. Monthly
 3. Other
 - iii. Average Student Attendance per Meeting
 - iv. How many years has your GSA or similar club been active?
 - v. Tell us about your GSA or similar club. Describe the history of your club, if you have a leadership structure, what your goals and objectives are, and previous activities and campaigns. (400 word limit)
 - b. No

SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT (Section 4 of 7)

If your school does not have a supportive administration or school environment, this will not be counted against you. The following questions will be used to understand your application.

1. What are the greatest challenges and needs of LGBTQ+ students at your school? (350 word limit)
2. How does your school currently address bullying and/or harassment, particularly of LGBTQ+ students? (350 word limit)
3. Do you think your grant project will receive support from administrators at your school? Explain. (350 word limit)

PROJECT VISION (Section 5 of 7)

Up until now, you have been showing us how your school currently stands. Now is the opportunity to paint a vision for the future at your school.

1. **UPLOAD A PDF:** Describe the project you would accomplish with a grant from the It Gets Better Project. Please provide a project narrative, which must include a thorough breakdown of your proposed project, objectives you hope to achieve with this project grant, a timeline executable within one school year, and how your project justifies the need for this grant based on the challenges and needs of LGBTQ+ students at your school. (2 page limit)
2. How will you evaluate and measure the success of your project? What metrics will you be using? (350 word limit)
3. What challenges or barriers do you foresee for a successful execution of your project? How will you address the above challenges and barriers? Please explain thoroughly. (400 word limit)
4. How could your project incorporate broader community involvement, if any? (Optional)
 - a. Please note that grants will be prioritized to project plans that incorporate broader community impact and involvement. Any community involvement must be school-based and student-focused. For example, projects can include establishing a partnership between LGBTQ+ students at your school and LGBTQ+ seniors in your area.

BUDGET (Section 6 of 7)

1. **UPLOAD A PDF:** Provide an estimated budget for your project.
 - a. List any estimated professional services, materials, or other costs anticipated with your project. An example budget can be found at the end of this PDF.
2. Does any of your school's funding currently go towards supporting LGBTQ+ students specifically?
 - a. If yes → Please describe how funding is currently supporting LGBTQ+ students at your school. (350 word limit)
3. If you were to receive this grant, what is the process for receiving and spending the funds? (350 words)
 - a. For example, some schools require that the funds go to a school and/or district bank account, while others allow for funds to be sent to a nonprofit fiscal sponsor (some schools refer to this as a booster organization).

CONCLUSION (Section 7 of 7)

1. **UPLOAD A VIDEO:** Why would your school and this project make you the best recipient for this grant? While we'd love to see educators involved, this video is really the chance for your student leaders to shine. (3 minute limit)
 - a. You can include clips that show us the personality of your school, what you hope to achieve, people involved in your club, or showcase a few students and their passions.

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Example Budget

Below is an example of a budget to accompany your project plan. A budget is required for your application. List any estimated professional services, materials, or other costs anticipated with your project.

We understand this might be the first formal budget many of you may be creating, so it does not have to be perfect. We are not as much looking at a dollar-per-dollar breakdown, but more of a demonstration that you understand how to spend and access these funds effectively.

Proposed Budgetary Breakdown

Requested Grant Amount: \$9,000

Project: Gender Affirming Closet at It Gets Better High, CA

Expense	Amount
Clothes & Shoes in Variety of Sizes	\$3,000
Makeup (incl. Disposable Containers, Applicators, Foundation, Eyeshadow, etc.)	\$1,500
Accessories (incl. Binders, Jewelry, Bags, etc).	\$1,500
Clothes Racks, Hangers, & Storage Containers for Clothes & Supplies	\$1,000
Launch Party Event (incl. Food, Paper Goods, etc).	\$500
Social Media & Flyer Graphic Design	\$500
Educator Professional Development on Gender Identity	\$1,000
TOTAL	\$9,000