



## TAKE A STAND FOR EQUALITY AT MOREHEAD STATE!

The Hobbs Endowment for Equality Scholarship Program encourages gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender undergraduate and graduate students at Morehead State University (MSU) to apply for the two scholarships made possible by generous contributions from many people. The objective of the scholarship program is to recognize and encourage academic excellence and to offer financial support to meritorious students pursuing a bachelor's or advanced degree at MSU. Scholarship recipients are chosen by a competitive selection process, and will have clearly demonstrated strong skills in many areas, including academic scholarship, leadership involvement, and community service in their application.

## WHAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP

- Educate yourself on the facts
  - E-mail your friends this link: [www.moreheadstate.edu/orgs/allyance](http://www.moreheadstate.edu/orgs/allyance)
  - Request more information
  - Recommend a student for the scholarship
  - Volunteer your time
  - Donate to the fund!
- Your contribution to the endowment will help gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender students achieve their dreams at Morehead State.



Join the ALLYance at Morehead State University and take a stand for equality at [www.moreheadstate.edu/orgs/allyance](http://www.moreheadstate.edu/orgs/allyance).

# SUPPORT EQUALITY AT MSU

I'd like to give my contribution to MSU and join a growing number of alumni and friends who support student success!

Enclosed is my gift of  \$ 25  \$50  \$100  Other: \$

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Five to six percent of American students are lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgendered (LGBT)— a conservative estimate means there are 2.25 to 2.7 million school-age LGBT youth.

Recent studies show the average age for a gay or lesbian youth to come out is now 16-years-old — down from earlier studies showing the average age at 19 to 23 years old.

## GET THE FACTS

Statistics reported from [www.lamdaleagal.org](http://www.lamdaleagal.org).

- **77.9%** heard remarks such as “faggot” or “dyke” frequently or often at school (similar studies have shown that the average high school student hears such epithets 25 times a day);
- **18.8%** heard similar remarks from faculty or school staff at least some of the time;
- **82.9%** reported that faculty or staff never or only sometimes intervened when they were present when such remarks were made, on that basis;
- **84%** personally had been verbally harassed at school (that is, called names or threatened) because of their sexual orientation;
- **65.3%** had been sexually harassed (e.g., inappropriately touched or subjected to sexual comments);
- **64.3%** felt unsafe in their school because of their sexual orientation;
- **39.1%** had been physically harassed (by being shoved or pushed) and 17% had been assaulted (by being punched, kicked or injured with a weapon) at school because of their sexual orientation;
- **50%** of lesbian and bisexual young women reported being verbally harassed.
- **44.7%** of LGBT students of color reported being verbally harassed because of both their sexual orientation and their race or ethnicity;
- LGBT youth are **7 times** more likely than other students to be threatened or injured with a weapon at school.