

Colorado Gay Games Ambassadors Program Application

Fill this application out here: <http://teamcolorado.org/2018-gay-games-scholarship/>

Welcome to Team Colorado's Gay Games Ambassadors Program for the Paris 2018 Gay Games. These Ambassadors will represent the best of Colorado at the Gay Games, and will return afterward to help promote inclusion within sport in their local communities. Selected Ambassadors will receive up to \$1000 to help cover some of their travel and competition expenses for the Paris 2018 Gay Games. We ask that all Ambassadors attend Team Colorado events in Paris, and continue to play an active role in the community after they return.

The three primary goals of our Ambassadors Program are to:

- 1) Identify those who will represent the best of Colorado at Paris 2018 Gay Games
- 2) Broaden participation at GGX by Coloradans by including those who would otherwise struggle to attend
- 3) Recognize Coloradans who have made significant contributions to the LGBTQ Community

Applications will be evaluated based on these three goals. The deadline to apply has been extended to March 15th.

* Required

1. **Email address ***

Personal Information

Please give us some information about yourself. All personal information will be held in confidence by the Team Colorado Board of Directors.

2. **Name ***

3. **Street Address ***

4. **City ***

5. **Zipcode ***

6. **Email address ***

7. **Telephone**

8. Age on August 4th 2018 *

9. Competition Gender *

10. Primary Sport or Cultural Event at Paris 2018 Gay Games *

11. Additional Sports or Cultural Events at Paris 2018 Gay Games *

12. Have you attended any Gay Games or similar international LGBTQ sporting events in the past? If so, please list: *

13. Do you currently have a valid US passport to travel internationally, that expires after February 1st 2019? (Note: Countries typically restrict entry on passports that expire within 6 months of the entry date. Non-US citizens may have to apply for a visa to enter France. We will work with any Colorado Ambassadors who answer No to this question to make sure you are able to attend.) *

Mark only one oval.

- Yes
- No

14. Did you apply to the Federation of Gay Games Paris 2018 Scholarship program? (Deadline October 31st 2017, info here: <https://www.paris2018.com/news/solidarity/>) *

Mark only one oval.

- Yes
- No

Short Responses

15. In what sports are you currently active? *

16. What athletic clubs or teams do you currently belong to? *

17. Please list your best athletic results in the last three years, and your progression towards your goals. *

18. Please describe your non-athletic contributions to sports (eg, coaching, team or club leadership positions, volunteer efforts, etc.) *

19. Please describe your non-athletic contributions to the LGBTQ community. *

Short Essays

Please respond to the following prompts. Responses should be roughly 200-500 words each, and give us a sense of where you come from and how you see the sport and non-sport LGBTQ community today as it continues to evolve. You might want to compose your answers in a separate text editor and copy/paste them below.

20. Tell us about why you are applying to this program: Why are you interested in the Gay Games? What do the Gay Games mean to you? What do you hope or expect to get out of your Gay Games experience? *

21. LGBTQ people have made great strides in many parts of the world in recent years, both in human rights and in sports: we have full access to marriage in the US; homophobic hate speech is less and less tolerated in mainstream institutions; LGBTQ athletes are making inroads in high-profile sports, and a record 56 out LGBTQ athletes participated in the 2016 Olympics in Rio. In this context, what do you see as the relevance of the Gay Games for LGBTQ participation in sport and broader rights? *

