

The Justin Eng Scholarship - \$2,500.00

Friends of Justin Eng remember him as one of the best friends they ever had. When he passed away in August 2003, they lost the cornerstone of a group of friends who consider each other family.

Justin Eng was born in China in 1968 and emigrated with his family to the U.S. After living in New York, the family relocated to Conshohocken. He attended Temple University where he earned an undergraduate degree in environmental studies and a master's degree in engineering. But Justin never gravitated to the professions for which he was trained, and chose to work instead as a bartender at several Center City clubs. He much preferred being around people and entertaining them. He had built up a large following of regular clients. Justin loved to have fun, but no matter how much fun he was having, he also always made sure his friends were all okay. He was a great listener who always had the courage to tell his friends the truth. He is fondly remembered as being intelligent, funny, generous, and caring. Justin was looking forward to a life filled with love, friendship, music, and helping other people. But the bright light in his friends' lives was extinguished prematurely due to surgical complications. He was 35. Had Justin lived, his life would have been vibrant and constantly evolving.

To honor his generous nature and his creative spirit that was cut short far too soon, his friends established this fund. Because Justin was gay and gifted with a beautiful singing voice, his friends chose the purpose of the fund to reflect these qualities. Grants from the fund will support organizations serving lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender youth, with an emphasis on supporting youth who have particular musical interests.

The Justin Eng Scholarship was established at the Delaware Valley Legacy Fund in 2006. The Delaware Valley Legacy Fund (DVLF) serves to advance philanthropy within the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and intersex communities.

Who Can Apply?

Students who:

- Are attending The University of the Arts full-time in the Fall 2009 semester AND
- Support the gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and/or intersex communities AND
- Are pursuing a degree in music performance, music education, theatre arts, or jazz studies

Restrictions

This scholarship is available for U.S. citizens or permanent residents who plan to attend a full year of school.

How to Apply

Please submit all application materials to Amanda Black, Associate Director of Development, by **Wednesday, February 4, 2009**.

Materials may be emailed to ablack@uarts.edu or hand delivered to:

Amanda Black
Associate Director of Development
The University of the Arts
Advancement Office – Hamilton Hall
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Philadelphia, PA 19102

Application Materials

- 1.) A typed, one-page essay addressing one of the following topics: "Why I want to be a musical artist" or any theme of your choosing that allows the selection committee to learn more about you
- 2.) CD or DVD of music samples. Discs cannot be returned.
- 3.) One reference. This reference may be academic in nature (e.g. a current UArts faculty or department head) or an artistic peer (e.g. a classmate or artistic mentor)

The winner(s) will be announced and notified in March 2009. Awarded funds will be applied towards the 2009-2010 academic year. All questions may be directed to Amanda Black, Associate Director of Development at 215.717.6137 or ablack@uarts.edu.