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Patrick Rush Service Award Description and Application 2017

The Award

The Patrick Rush Service Award seeks to remove financial barriers for students who demonstrate the drive and determination to reach their education goals despite the challenges that are presented by a positive HIV status and on-going addiction recovery. This is a merit and needs based scholarship of up to \$5,000 is awarded each year by the Alliance for Housing and Healing (Aid for AIDS), www.alliancehh.org, in conjunction with the Best in Drag Show. The award is paid directly to the winner's accredited educational institution to help cover the costs of tuition, fees, books, and supplies. The award may be paid in established increments. The winner also receives referral services and other support that encourages a continuing recovery and future success.

History

The Patrick Rush Service Award was established in 2010 in honor of Patrick who has tirelessly demonstrated his heartfelt dedication to the mission of Alliance for Housing and Healing. Through his work in starting the Battle for the Tiara fundraiser along with Alexis Pittman and keeping the tradition alive through the Best in Drag Show, Patrick and his friends have raised hundreds of thousands of dollars for Alliance for Housing and Healing and in doing so provided the basic necessities of life to those who are suffering with HIV/AIDS in Los Angeles. The Patrick Rush Service Award recognizes the love and dedication that Patrick has poured into the Best in Drag Show, www.bestindragshow.org, by allowing well-qualified individuals to pursue their education.

Eligibility

Candidates for the Patrick Rush Service Award must be:

- HIV +, proof of diagnosis will be requested.
- Enrolled in a post-secondary (after high school) education program at an accredited institution. This includes two-year colleges, four-year colleges, post graduate programs, and vocational programs.
- Be recovering from an addiction to drugs and/or alcohol and able to document participation in a recovery program for at least one year prior to this application. Recovery status during the award period will be monitored.
- A resident of Los Angeles County.

Selection Process

The completed, original application must be received by Alliance for Housing and Healing by Friday, **September 15, 2017 at 5:00pm**. Incomplete, unsigned, or late applications will not be considered. The selection committee will meet and review submissions shortly after the application deadline. The winner will be notified by September 22, 2017 and invited to accept the award at the Best in Drag Show on October 8, 2017.