

Atlanta Scholarship Fund for LGBT Students goes International *To qualify, Students must be Activists & Out*

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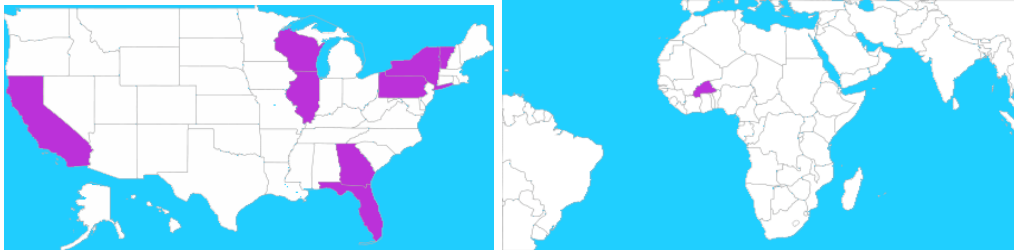
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ZAMI's Audre Lorde Scholarship Fund becomes International Hub for Help

Atlanta, GA (August 14, 2008) – For the 13th consecutive year, ZAMI, Inc., the Atlanta organization for lesbians of African descent is giving its scholarships to *out* students of color who are doing activist work in their communities. But this year, the group broadens its reach, honoring students from as far away as West Africa.

The organization says the world is a much smaller place, due in large part to the emergence of the Internet, and students are using the worldwide web to reach out. The 14 recipients this year from across the country and now 'the world' have been granted scholarships of up to \$2000. Their package also includes transportation to Atlanta and residency accommodations for the upcoming celebratory weekend, now scheduled for September 26-28, 2008.



The 2008 recipients and their awards are:

Dawn Robinson, Berkeley City College, Berkeley, CA – **Sheryl Burke Award**

Kendra Bryant, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL – **Brenda Banks-Kerrie Cotton Williams Award**

Joshua Johnson, UC Berkeley School of Law, Berkeley, CA – **Sandra Jones-Ronald Moore Award**

David Green, University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wisconsin – **Tony Daniels Community Ally Award funded by ADODI Muse – A Gay Negro Ensemble**

Sylvie Victoire, International Institute for Water/Environmental Engineering, Burkina Faso, West Africa – **Mary Anne Adams Award funded by Carol Harrison & Stephanie Troncalli**

Leicque Doanes, Georgia Perimeter College, Atlanta, GA – **ALFA Award**

Sarah Stefana Smith, Goddard College, Plainfield, Vermont – **Margaret Helfand Memorial Award funded by Judith Helfand**

Lewis Hamer, Harold Washington College, Chicago, Illinois – **Cherie Caldwell Award**

Yolo Akili, Yoga of India, Atlanta, GA -- **Wendy Belkin & Linda Bryant Award**

Loc Vu, San Jose City College, San Jose, CA – **Sarah Crymes & Rhonda Freeman Award**

Kristin M. Brown, Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL – **Margaret Ntombi Howell Power and Presence Memorial Award funded by Rhesa M. Jenkins & Ama Saran**

Jardyn D. Lake, Temple University, Philadelphia, PA – **Mandy Carter Award funded by Germaine Curtin**

Tyaire Wilkerson, Barry University, Miami Shores, FL – **Fourth Tuesday/ALHI Award**

Jonelle Knox, Pace Law School, White Plains, NY – **Antonio Jones Award**

*Unless otherwise notes, the 2008 awards are named after the person(s) who funded the scholarship.

The Audre Lorde Scholarship Fund was founded by ZAMI Board Chair Mary Anne Adams in 1995. Since then, the fund has awarded over \$125,000 in scholarships to *out* LGBT students who are making notable contributions to their communities.

The Scholarship Fund is named in honor of acclaimed author and poet **Audre Lorde** (1934-1992). She is internationally known as a significant contributor to the struggle for Lesbian and Gay rights and Women's liberation.

For Interview requests and/or images of past awards ceremonies, the ZAMI Board of Directors and Audre Lorde, please contact [ThePRDesignGroup](http://ThePRDesignGroup.com) at 404 668-9352.

