

The logo features a stylized mountain range in shades of green and brown. A rainbow-colored banner is draped across the base of the mountains. The words "CATSKILLS" and "PRIDE" are written in bold, white, sans-serif capital letters across the banner. Below the banner, the words "SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY" are written in a smaller, black, sans-serif font, underlined.

**CATSKILLS  
PRIDE**  
**SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY**

Catskills Pride, a non-profit organization serving the LGBT+ (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Other) population in Sullivan and Surrounding counties, has created The **Sheldon Soffer Scholarship in Music and Visual Arts**. We are offering at least one \$1000.00 scholarship to a Sullivan or Wayne County high school senior or College student who is planning or going to college to pursue either music or visual arts.

The interested applicant, who identifies as L,B,G,T, Plus, or an Ally, will need to either write a 1-2 page essay, or create a video (up to 5 minutes), discussing why their art is important to them. Submissions are due by April 15th, 2018.

There will be a 3-person selection committee to review the submissions and select the recipient(s) which best fulfill the spirit of the scholarship. The recipient(s) will be announced by May 15th, 2018 and will plan to do a press release with them.

Essays or videos should include applicants name, email, phone number, address, and be sent to either:

Catskills Pride  
PO Box 154  
Barryville, NY 12719

or [Jspitz@gmail.com](mailto:Jspitz@gmail.com)

Additional Information:

**About Sheldon Soffer...** *Sheldon was born in the Bronx and attended the prestigious High School of the Performing Arts in NYC before studying composition, first at Queens College and then at the University of California in Berkeley. He toured the country and the world as a conductor for several years, before turning to artist management and opening his own agency in NYC in 1965. Sheldon's client roster included a wide range of prominent names from the world of music and dance, including Ravi Shankar, Dutch soprano Elly Ameling, French baritone Gerard Souzay; as well as modern dance powerhouses Paul Taylor, Mark Morris, David Parsons, Philobolus, and Momix. Having met Shinichi Suzuki in Japan, Sheldon brought the Suzuki method of teaching children music to the U.S. After he retired from active management, Sheldon taught arts administration at NYU for several years, and to this day he serves on the Boards of Young Concert Artists (YCA) and the Dance Notation Bureau.*

*Since childhood summers on a family farm near Jeffersonville, Sheldon has been a part-time resident of the Catskills and Delaware Valley. Together with his late husband, Stanley Segal, he has been an active supporter and benefactor of many local arts organizations. Sheldon is the recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Delaware Valley Arts Alliance where he also established the Stanley J. Segal Scholarship in the Visual Arts.*

**About Catskills Pride...** The mission of Catskills Pride is To nurture, support and advance the GLBT+ and Ally Community. We see achieving this through a multi-pronged approach. 1) Building, connecting and enhancing relationships in the community; 2) Maintaining social networking through various get-togethers throughout the year; 3) Supporting past, present and future generations of our community; and 4) Developing resources and supports to people (via financial and other in kind services).