

# LGBTQ+ AND ALLY STUDENTS IN HIGHER EDUCATION: CHALLENGES AND SUPPORT

In addition to the increased cost of tuition and housing and diminishing resources available on campuses that all students are facing, **LGBTQ+ students in higher education face unique challenges and barriers to education.**

**22%**

of LGBTQ+ move away from their hometown to find more welcoming college environments, compared to just 5% of their non-LGBTQ+ peers.

**30%**

of LGBTQ+ college students have considered dropping out because of their mental health.

After graduation, LGBTQ+ students have

**\$14,769  
MORE**

in loan debt on average than their non-LGBTQ+ peers.\*

\*This research comes from joint reports from the Williams Institute at UCLA School of Law and Point Foundation. Read more at [pointfoundation.org/research](https://pointfoundation.org/research).

## HOW YOU CAN SUPPORT STUDENTS NOW

-  **Share Resources**  
Direct students to sources of support from LGBTQ+ and ally organizations like Point Foundation.
-  **Support Changemakers**  
Encourage visibility and support through LGBTQ+ and ally staff groups and mentorship roles.
-  **Learn Students' Rights**  
And make sure they know their rights too!
-  **Create Supportive Environments**  
Create an environment where LGBTQ+ students feel share to share.

**Sign up for the latest resources and news from Point Foundation, the nation's leading scholarship fund for LGBTQ+ and ally students.**

