AIDS Grove Renames Youth Scholarship to Honor Pedro Zamora

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The National AIDS Memorial Grove has renamed its youth scholarship program after the late Pedro Zamora, according to a statement by the group. The Pedro Zamora Young Leaders Scholarship Program recognizes young people for their active commitment to fighting HIV/AIDS.

Zamora was an AIDS educator, activist and reality television star. At the age of 22, the HIV-positive gay Latino shared his journey with the virus on MTV's The Real World 3: San Francisco. The show aired in 1994. The scholarship honors his contributions 20 years after his passing.

High school seniors and college freshman, sophomores and juniors ages 27 and younger are eligible. They must demonstrate current public service and leadership roles in the HIV/AIDS fight. They also must intend to pursue a career that will have with a clear impact on the epidemic.

Applications are being accepted through Wednesday, October 15. Recipients will be announced Monday, December 1, which is World AIDS Day. Awards range from $2,500 to $5,000. Originally launched in 2009, the program currently is funded primarily by a grant from UnitedHealthcare.

To read the statement, click here.

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