



# **OUTFRONT MINNESOTA YOUTH SUMMIT SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

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**2026**





## ABOUT OUTFRONT MINNESOTA

OUTFRONT MINNESOTA was founded in August 1987 as a resource for queer and trans community members experiencing violence and hate crimes because of their identities. However, we soon saw that the issues the LGBTQ+ communities faced needed to be addressed with systemic change in addition to direct services.

In 1993, we successfully passed a statewide nondiscrimination law that included sexual orientation AND gender identity as protected statuses in the Minnesota Human Rights Act—the first law in the country that included protections for our trans community members. We won marriage equality by defeating an anti-marriage amendment at the ballot box in 2012 and passing marriage equality through the legislature in 2013. We ensured that our kids have safe and supportive environments to learn in by passing the Safe and Supportive Schools Act in 2014 and creating the Trans Toolkit in 2017. In 2023, we passed the Conversion Therapy Ban and the Trans Refuge Bill. Our fight is not over and our supporters are needed more than ever.

OutFront Minnesota is the state's largest LGBTQ+ advocacy organization. Our mission is to build power within Minnesota's 2SLGBTQIA+ communities and address inequities through intersectional organizing, advocacy, education, and direct support services. We envision a safe and equitable world where all members of our communities are free to lead lives of opportunity, autonomy, and full self-expression.



## OUTFRONT'S LGBTQ+ IMPACT

For decades, OutFront Minnesota has created change around LGBTQ+ rights, safety, and freedom in Minnesota. In the past five years, OutFront Minnesota:

- Secured legislative victories including the landmark Trans Refuge Bill, the bans on Conversion “Therapy” and the LGBTQ+ panic defense, updates to the Uniform Parentage Act, expanded coverage of gender-affirming care, expanded access to HIV medications and services, and more.
- Made advances in inclusive school policies across the state—including Gender Inclusion Policies in Bloomington, Duluth, Rochester, and Minneapolis Public Schools.
- Annually supported more than 5,000 educators and LGBTQ+ youth in creating safer school environments.
- Ensured the safety and supported nearly 400 LGBTQ+ victims/survivors each year of general crime and domestic violence through our Anti-Violence Program.
- OutFront Minnesota has been the #1 victims services provider for transgender and male-identified victims/survivors.



## OUR COMMUNITIES' NEEDS

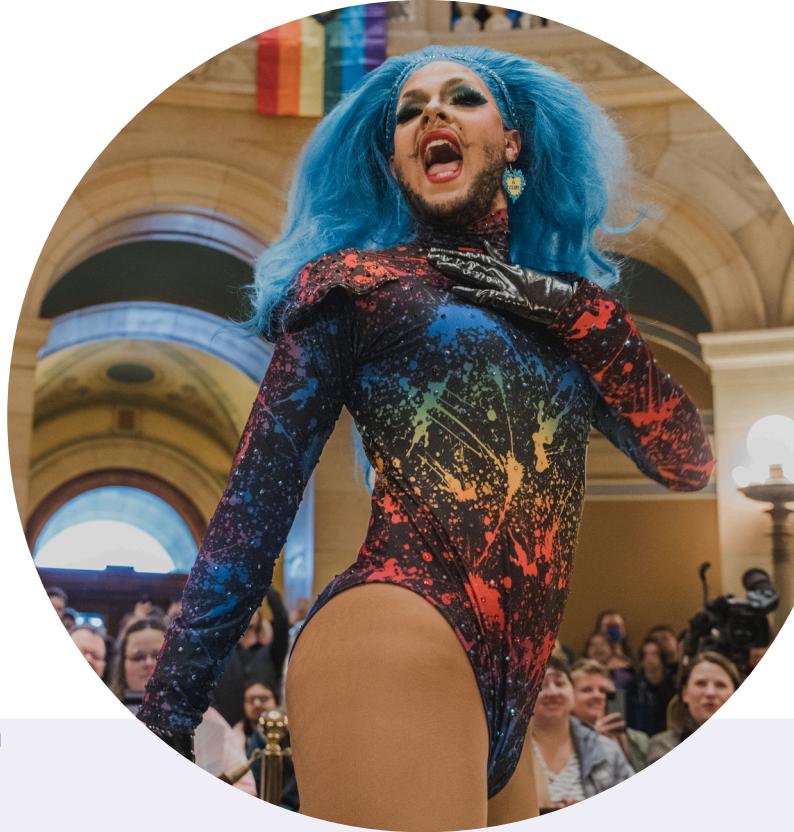
In 2023–2024, Minnesota saw the greatest advances in LGBTQ+ equity in more than a decade. However, that same year national attacks against the LGBTQ+ community put extreme pressure on our community—with thousands looking to Minnesota for refuge and resources.

OutFront Minnesota is continuing to work toward:

- Shaping the national narrative around LGBTQ+ rights with local and national partners.
- Rebuilding and strengthening GSAs and our educator and GSA advisor network across the state—fostering welcoming and inclusive schools for all students.
- Ensuring the safety of more than 400 LGBTQ+ victims/survivors each year of violence by providing them with crisis counseling, system navigation, financial assistance, and advocacy.
- As a first point of contact, fielding nearly 2,000 helpline calls and directing community members to local resources.
- Defending Minnesota's advances and LGBTQ+ protections against national pressures to strip LGBTQ+ communities of their rights to live safely and openly.

# WHY SPONSOR OUTFRONT MINNESOTA?

**A sponsorship helps your organization join a community of businesses committed to making a positive impact in our state.**



The Twin Cities community boasts a long legacy of LGBTQ+ advocacy. More than 30 Minnesota corporations have been recognized by the Human Rights Campaign with scores of 90+ in the Corporate Equality Index. These scores reflect, in part, a social responsibility and commitment to the LGBTQ+ community through philanthropic giving. Your sponsorship can show your commitment to Minnesota's diverse LGBTQ+ community to the state and your peers.

**OutFront Minnesota can elevate your brand with our large media and community footprint.**

OutFront Minnesota is the state's leading voice on LGBTQ+ issues, with more than 19,000 Facebook and 12,000 Instagram followers and a mailing and email list of more than 40,000.

OutFront Minnesota receives frequent local news coverage and our work has been highlighted in national outlets such as CNN and Washington Post for our work in LGBTQ+ rights. Your support of OutFront Minnesota with an event sponsorship can elevate your brand to a wide audience.



# YOUTH SUMMIT

OutFront Minnesota's annual Youth Summit is a powerful event for students in grades 9–12, as well as the adults that support them in their learning environments. This event brings together more than 400 LGBTQ+ youth, allies, and educators from across the state for youth-led workshops, leadership development opportunities, community building and networking, and the chance for youth to speak with community leaders about issues that matter to them.

## *Did you know...*

***1/3 of our student attendees pay nothing to attend and 100% pay a reduced amount than the actual cost of attending. OutFront Minnesota's Youth Summit is committed to keeping our event open and accessible to students and their advisors from across the state!***

*“I just love the vibe for the kids that it’s okay to be exactly who they are, and be surrounded by like-minded people. They certainly don’t get that feeling at school.”*

## SPRING 2026

Activities Include:

- Keynote speaker
- Workshops
- Resource Fair
- Panel discussions
- Music and entertainment
- And more!

Sponsorship benefits include brand elevation, tabling opportunities, and more!

# YOUTH SUMMIT

SPONSORSHIP BENEFITS	\$500	\$1,000	\$2,500	\$5,000
Opportunity to speak during Youth Summit opening program				●
Opportunity to schedule a Workplace Inclusion Training session				●
Logo featured on Educational Equity website for the year			●	●
Company or organization ad included in printed program		●	●	●
Opportunity to host a vendor table during Youth Summit event (subject to availability)	●	●	●	●
Name or logo* in Youth Summit social media post	●	●*	●*	●*
Name or logo* included in opening session presentation	●	●*	●*	●*
Name or logo* featured in program booklet and Youth Summit emails and communications	●	●*	●*	●*

*Limited volunteer opportunities may be available, for details or to ask about benefit customizations, please reach out to [development@outfront.org](mailto:development@outfront.org).*

For your sponsorship to be included in printed materials, please respond by FEBRUARY 28, 2026 to [development@outfront.org](mailto:development@outfront.org)

# YOUR SPONSORSHIP SUPPORTS OUTFRONT MINNESOTA'S MISSION

***When you sponsor our Youth Summit,***

You keep LGBTQ+ youth and educators across the state feeling safe and celebrated. You say: LGBTQ+ families know what's best for them and their children.

***When you sponsor our Pride programs,***

You help LGBTQ+ families be seen and supported in every corner of the state, from Grand Marais to Austin to the Twin Cities. You say: diverse communities are strong and vibrant communities.

***When you sponsor our Gala,***

You give LGBTQ+ communities a platform to tell our stories and fight for our rights—from the school board to the legislature. You say: all are welcome here in Minnesota.





# WORKPLACE INCLUSION TRAININGS

One of OutFront Minnesota's most popular sponsorship benefits, available to our sponsors at the \$5,000 level and above—our trainings connect our experts with your team members on a variety of LGBTQ+ topics.

Workshop Topics Include:

- 2SLGBTQIA+ 101
- Introduction to Gender and Trans Issues
- Coming Out in the Workplace
- Allyship and Affirming Spaces
- 2SLGBTQIA+ 201: Intersectionality & Liberation Histories

***“It was so helpful to have a grounding conversation in terminology—such a basic starting point, but so essential in building an inclusive space.”***

*OutFront Minnesota staff will work with you to assess your current needs and can make recommendations to tailor your trainings to fit your group's needs.*



# VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Throughout the year, OutFront Minnesota has limited volunteer opportunities we hold for our strongest supporters.

As a sponsor at the \$10,000 level, or greater—on any one event—we will work with you to create unique and meaningful opportunities for your team members to engage in the important work of OutFront Minnesota.

Volunteer events could include:

- Volunteering or marching at Twin Cities Pride Festival
- Volunteering at FlipPhone Events Drag Brunches
- Volunteering at youth events like Youth Summit or Q-Quest
- Assembling supply kits for school GSA groups across the state
- Assembling Toiletry and Personal Hygiene Kits for community members in need



*We want to work with you—please reach out to [development@outfront.org](mailto:development@outfront.org) to explore custom volunteer opportunities for your team.*





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