





## **Statement of Purpose**

**Gay Male S/M Activists is a not-for-profit organization of gay men who are seriously interested in safe, sane, and consensual s/m.**

**Our purpose is to help create a more supportive s/m community for gay men, whether they are just coming out into s/m or are long experienced.**

**Our regular meetings and other activities attempt to build a sense of community by exploring common feelings and concerns.**

**We aim to raise awareness about issues of safety and responsibility, to recover elements of our tradition, and to disseminate the best available medical and technical information about s/m practices.**

**We seek to establish a recognized political presence in the wider gay community in order to combat the prevailing stereotypes and misconceptions about s/m while working with others for the common goals of gay liberation.**

## **Membership Benefits**

Benefits include:

- Discounted entrance fees at programs and special events
- Exclusive invitations to members-only Education SIGs
- Invitations for you and your guests to attend Education seminars and workshops
- Subscription to GMSMA publications
- Support to GMSMA's work in defense of your rights
- Discounts at local retailers
- Membership card and patch
- Involvement in the s/m community

## **Fees and Admissions**

It is GMSMA's belief that membership and attendance at events should not be dependent on ability to pay. This is especially true when hard economic times or medical expenses may severely limit a member's funds.

A prospective member who cannot afford the membership fee should indicate this on the front of the membership form.

A member who cannot manage the admission price for a GMSMA event should indicate this (and show his card) when he arrives, and whatever amount he can manage (if any) will be acceptable for admission.

## **Hocutt-Ferguson**

### **PWA Assistance Fund**

### **Can You Help? Can We?**

GMSMA's Hocutt-Ferguson PWA Assistance Fund is in its 20th year of providing direct financial assistance to people with AIDS in the s/m community.

These cash grants help meet pressing needs such as medical bills, rent, food, and other basic living expenses. No income or resource verification is required, there is no onerous paperwork to complete, and names of applicants and recipients and amounts granted are held in strictest confidentiality.

GMSMA raises money for the fund through events and direct appeals to our members and supporters. All contributions are gratefully accepted.

- **To apply for a grant**, please contact GMSMA as described below.
- **If you can make a donation**, please indicate that on the front of this form and return it along with your check.

(Make checks payable to GMSMA; all donations will be earmarked for the Hocutt-Ferguson Fund.)

## **Let Us Hear From You**

If you have a question about GMSMA's fees policy or would like information about receiving a Hocutt-Ferguson grant, contact any GMSMA officer at one of our events, call GMSMA at 212-727-9878 and leave a message, write us at the address on the front of this form, or email us at [info@gmsma.org](mailto:info@gmsma.org) (Please be sure to include your phone number, address, and/or email address).

Check out our website at **[www.gmsma.org](http://www.gmsma.org)**