



PFLAG NORMAN SCHOLARSHIP – 2017/2018

GUIDELINES AND APPLICATION FORM

*Please print or type your responses.
You may mail or email your complete application packet.*

Mail:

PFLAG Norman Scholarship, Selection Committee, P. O. Box 721692, Norman, OK 73070.

Email: help@pflagnorman.org

Application must be received by 11:59 pm, Friday, March 31, 2017, to be considered.

What is the PFLAG Norman Scholarship?

The PFLAG Norman Scholarship is a \$1,000 scholarship presented to an outstanding Norman resident who is either LGBTQ, or is a straight ally and would like to help move equality forward. The goal of the applicant should be to attend a post-secondary educational institution/accredited facility.

Who is eligible for the scholarship?

Any current resident of Norman, who is attending a post-secondary institution is eligible if the below qualifications are met:

- Plans to continue his or her education/training beyond high school in any institution of higher education or other educational institution/accredited facility within 12 months of graduation upon admittance/acceptance or continue education/training in an accredited post-secondary program.
- Promotes inclusion and supports people of **all** sexual orientations and gender identities.
- Does not include graduate programs.
- Past recipients of this scholarship are **not** eligible.

What criteria are used in reviewing/judging/applications and selection of recipient?

Criteria for selection will include academic record, leadership qualities and experience, essay content quality, and letters of recommendation. Only complete application forms will be considered. Letters of recommendation must include one (1) academic endorsement (e.g. high school teachers, counselors, college professor, advisor, etc.) and one (1) from a community sponsor (e.g. pastor, GSA sponsors, 4-H leader, volunteer coordinator, community service sponsor, club/organization leader, employer). Letters of recommendation from family members will **not** be accepted.

How will the recipient be selected?

The scholarship recipient will be selected by a committee comprised of PFLAG Norman board members and community members. Decisions will be based on information provided in the application.

What is the deadline for submitting an application?

The complete application form (all personal information, reference letters, transcript(s), and essay) must be mailed to PFLAG Norman Scholarship Committee, P. O. Box 721692, Norman, OK 73070 or emailed to help@pflagnorman.org. Electronic submission is encouraged. Complete packets must be received by 11:59 pm, Friday, March 31, 2017.

What comprises a “complete” application?

The applicant must include the following, in order for the application to be considered.

1. Completed and signed application form
 2. Essay
 3. Official high school transcript and most recent college transcript (when applicable)
 4. Two letters of recommendation – (see “criteria” section above for more information)
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Applicant's Academic Status and School Information:

Name of High School, GED Program, Post-secondary Institution: _____

Address of School: _____

Name of Principal, Counselor, or Advisor: _____ Phone: _____

OR if homeschooled

Name of Facilitator: _____

Address: _____

Phone/Email: _____

Have you ever been awarded any school honors or recognitions? Yes No

If so, please list them:

What school clubs or extracurricular activities are you involved with? What special talents or skills would you like us to know about?

Applicant's Educational Goals:

What colleges, universities, or educational programs have you applied to?

What is your admission/enrollment status? (Circle one)

Planning to apply

Waiting for school to respond

Admitted

What do you plan to study?

Applicant's Community Service Enrollment and/or Employment History:

Please briefly describe any community service activities that you have been involved with. You should describe only those activities that have been of the highest importance to you. You do not have to describe every activity that you have undertaken. Be sure to mention any activities in which you fulfilled a leadership role. (Please use a separate sheet of a paper if necessary.)

What jobs, if any, have you held? Please list both volunteer and paid positions as appropriate. (Please use a separate sheet of a paper if necessary.)

Employer's Name

Job Title

Dates of Employment

Briefly explain your connection to the LGBTQ community. In what ways have you shown support? (Please use a separate sheet of a paper if necessary.)



PFLAG Norman Scholarship Reference Form

Please use the following form to complete your scholarship references.

Name of student: _____

Your Name: _____

Your address: _____

City, State, & ZIP: _____

Phone #: _____ Email: _____

How long have you known this student: _____

What is your relationship with this student? (teacher/professor, advisor, minister, school counselor/administrator, coach, etc.): _____

The criteria for this application is:

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Essay

Respond to one (1) of the following three (3) topics in essay form of no more than 500 words.
Please respond on separate paper.

“Moving Equality Forward”

1. Explain in what ways you actively participated in promoting inclusion or demonstrating equality for all.

OR

2. Do you believe that your school or educational environment does a good job of promoting inclusion or demonstrating equality within (yes or no, give examples and explain how it affected your educational experience)?

OR

3. Describe any obstacle(s) you have faced by either being part of an inclusive club/organization, identifying as LGBTQ, or as a straight ally standing up for equality, and how you overcame those obstacles.

CERTIFICATION AND SIGNATURES:

All of the information provided on this form is true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____