



2017 / 2018 PFLAG NORMAN SCHOLARSHIP

GUIDELINES AND APPLICATION FORM

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

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

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normanpflag@gmail.com

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

GENERAL INFORMATION

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, and employer). Letters of recommendation from family members will **not** be accepted.

How will the recipient be selected?

A committee comprised of PFLAG Norman board members and community members will select the scholarship recipient. 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 normanpflag@gmail.com. Electronic submission is encouraged. Complete packets must be received by 11:59 pm, Friday, March 31, 2017.

What is 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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PFLAG NORMAN SCHOLARSHIP FORM

APPLICANT'S GENERAL INFORMATION

(Legal First Name)

(Legal Middle Name)

(Legal Last Name)

(Preferred Name or Published Name)

(Mailing Address, including zip code)

(Phone Number and Email Address)

Are you a resident of Norman? Yes No

Are you a graduating high school senior? Yes No

Are you a graduating post-secondary student? Yes No

Are you a student at a post-secondary institution? Yes No

How did you hear about the PFLAG Norman Scholarship?

Internet

GSA

Friend

Twitter

PFLAG Chapter

Counselor

Facebook

Other _____

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 recognition? 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? (Please circle one)

Planning to apply

Waiting for school to respond

Admitted

What do you plan to study?

APPLICANT'S COMMUNITY SERVICE ENROLLMNT 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

DATE 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 Number: () _____ Email: _____

How long have you known this student: _____

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

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PFLAG NORMAN SCHOLARSHIP 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.

SCHOLARSHIP CERTIFICATION & SIGNATURES

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

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____