PFLAG Omaha Scholarship

2020

**PFLAG Omaha Vision**

*PFLAG envisions a world where diversity is celebrated and all people are respected, valued, and affirmed inclusive of their sexual orientation, gender identity, and gender expression.*

Purpose of the scholarship:

- To recognize outstanding lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender (LGBT) and allied high school seniors and post-secondary students
- To encourage the pursuit of post-secondary education for self-identified LGBT and allied students
- To foster a positive image of the LGBT community

To be eligible for a PFLAG Omaha Scholarship, applicants must be:

- A graduating high school senior or pursuing a first bachelor’s degree, associate’s degree or a vocational training degree
- Not received this scholarship in a previous year
- Self-identified as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender (LGBT) or as an ally who supports LGBT individuals or groups and supports equality for all
- A resident of the state of Nebraska or Western Iowa
- Applying to attend a post-secondary educational institution during the 2020-2021 academic year (includes summer school)
- Interested in service to the LGBT community
Deadline & Terms of the Award:

- Scholarship Amount: $2,500.00
- Completed application (application form, essays, transcript and release form) must be mailed together in a packet and postmarked by April 1, 2020 and mailed to PFLAG Omaha
  
  Att: Carol Beaty – Scholarship Chair
  P.O. Box 390064
  Omaha, NE 68139
- Recommendation form may be mailed separately to same address or included in the packet.
- Scholarship winner will be selected by May 1, 2020. All applicants will receive written communication by mail of the final selection. The scholarship recipient will be announced publicly at the PFLAG meeting on May 14, 2020. Scholarship recipient is asked to attend this meeting.
- After a scholarship winner is selected, the recipient must provide PFLAG Omaha with a copy of the acceptance letter for the intended post-secondary institution they will be attending or a transcript if already attending. The award will be sent directly to this academic institution.
- Students receiving scholarships from other sources that are equivalent to full tuition and room & board will not be eligible for the PFLAG Omaha scholarship. If this should occur after the scholarship winner is selected, the PFLAG scholarship will be awarded to an alternate winner.

Application and Supplemental Materials:

*All information is confidential and will only be shared with the scholarship committee*

- Application form
- Scholarship essays
- High School transcript (unofficial) or post-secondary school transcript if applicable
- Signed recommendation from an adult other than a family member (GSA sponsor, counselor, teacher, clergy, coach, etc.)
- Release form
PFLAG Omaha Scholarship Application Form

Applicant Information: *Information must be typed or printed legibly*

Legal Name: ________________________________________________________________

Preferred Name: __________________________________________________________

Address: __________________________________________________________________

City/State/Zip: __________________________________________________________________

Phone number: __________________________________________________________________

Email: ______________________________________________________________________

Date of birth: __________________________________________________________________

Parents Name: __________________________________________________________________

Are you a graduating high school senior? □ yes □ no

Are you currently attending a post-secondary school? □ yes □ no

Do you identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender (LGBT)? □ yes □ no

   If yes, are you “out and open” in the community? □ yes □ no

   If yes, are your parents aware of your LGBT status? □ yes □ no

   If yes, are your parents supportive of your LGBT status? □ yes □ no

*Whether you are out in the community, your parents are aware of your LGBT status or are supportive will have no bearing on the decision to extend to you a scholarship.*

Do you identify as a straight ally? □ yes □ no

Are you a supporter of the LGBT community? □ yes □ no
High School or Post-Secondary School Information:

Name of High School: ________________________________________________

Name of Post-Secondary School attending: ____________________________

List any school honors or recognitions: _______________________________

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What school clubs or extracurricular activities are you involved in? __________

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Post-Secondary School Information:

To which post-secondary schools have you applied? **List in order of preference.**

1. ________________________________________________________________________________
   *Admission status: □ Waiting for school to respond □ accepted □ already attending*

2. ________________________________________________________________________________
   *Admission status: □ Waiting for school to respond □ accepted □ already attending*

3. ________________________________________________________________________________
   *Admission status: □ Waiting for school to respond □ accepted □ already attending*

What do you plan to study? ________________________________________________
**Employment Information:**

List both paid and volunteer jobs you have held:

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**Community Service Involvement:** *Include only activities which have been of high importance to you. Include any leadership roles you have held.*

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Essays

1. Submit a one page typed essay on your involvement with the LGBT community as a member or an ally. Include what you have gained from this involvement and what your challenges have been. How do you plan to be involved in the future?

2. Submit a one page typed essay on what you would like to be doing in 10 years and how you plan to achieve it.
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Recommendation Form

PFLAG Omaha is a local chapter of PFLAG which is a national organization whose mission is to promote the health and well-being of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender persons, their families and friends through: support education, and advocacy. PFLAG is offering a scholarship to graduating high school seniors and other post-secondary students entering post-secondary school in the academic year 2020-21.

Name of Student: _________________________________________________

Your Name: ______________________________________________________

Your Address: ____________________________________________________

City/State/Zip: ____________________________________________________

Phone Number: ___________________________________________________

Email: __________________________________________________________

How long have you known this student? ______________________________

What is your relationship with this student? (teacher, counselor, coach, clergy, school administrator, etc.): __________________________________________

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_________________________________________________________________

Why do you recommend this student for a PFLAG Omaha Scholarship? Are there any specific obstacles this candidate had to overcome in order to succeed? (Please type your response. Use a separate sheet of paper.)

_________________________________________________________________

Signature: ________________________________________________________

Recommendation forms should be returned to PFLAG Omaha, Att: Carol Beaty, Scholarship Chair P.O. Box 390064, Omaha, NE 68139 by April 1, 2020. The recommendation may be given to the student to submit with the application.

If you have any questions, please contact Carol Beaty at cabeaty@cox.net or 402-332-8215.
PFLAG Omaha Scholarship Release Form

Occasionally PFLAG Omaha would like to use photographs, pictures, names and other information about scholarship recipients for promotional purposes on our website, Facebook page, and other places. Consent or non-consent to use your image or your information will have no bearing on the decision to extend to you a scholarship.

I give PFLAG Omaha permission to announce my scholarship award at the PFLAG Omaha meeting and in the PFLAG Omaha newsletter.

☐ yes ☐ no

I give PFLAG Omaha permission to announce my scholarship award in the local media.

☐ yes ☐ no

I give PFLAG Omaha permission to utilize my photograph in publicity releases about my scholarship award.

☐ yes ☐ no

I give PFLAG Omaha permission to utilize my scholarship essays in publicity releases for the promotion of the scholarship program.

☐ yes ☐ no

I give PFLAG Omaha permission to use my photo and bio in their communications or on their website or Facebook Page.

☐ yes ☐ no

I will notify PFLAG Omaha if I am awarded other scholarships equivalent to full tuition.

☐ yes ☐ no

Signature:__________________________________________________________

Printed Name: _____________________________  Date Signed: ____________

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____________________________

Printed Name: _____________________________  Date Signed: ____________