



**Parents, Families & Friends of
Lesbians and Gays
(PFLAG) Lima
P.O. Box 5571
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PFLAG Lima Scholarship Program Scholarship Award

Description:

One \$1000 scholarship offered by the Lima Chapter of Parents, Families, and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG).

OBJECTIVE:

The PFLAG Lima scholarship program is designed to recognize outstanding students (gay, lesbian, bisexual, or transgender [GLBT] and/or straight ally) and to contribute toward their continuing education. PFLAG recognizes that specific opportunities for lesbian and gay youth are limited, and the need for positive role models is great. This program is designed to celebrate the achievement of individuals who represent PFLAG's values.

QUALIFICATIONS:

The award of this scholarship will be based on a combination of achievement in the areas of academic performance, leadership, and extracurricular activities. Applicants will be required to provide completed application forms, three references, and an original essay. The essay will describe goals the individual hopes to achieve in completing his or her college or vocational school education and in preparing for a productive career beyond formal education.

SELECTION PROCESS:

A panel of PFLAG members will review the applications and make preliminary selections for finalists based on their collective judgment of each applicant's overall achievement and skill in presenting goals in an essay. Finalists will be interviewed by the panel to assist in the final selection.

PURPOSE:

- To recognize one outstanding student---
Either a gay, lesbian, bisexual, or transgender (GLBT) or a straight student who actively supports GLBT individuals and advocates for them
- To encourage continuing education for both the self-identified GLBT student and for the student who is a straight ally
- To foster a positive image of GLBT people in society. This might include the applicant's:
 - ◆ Active involvement in a campus or community based GLBT organization
 - ◆ Volunteering in GLBT or AIDS/HIV organization
 - ◆ Advocating on issues relevant to GLBT people

ELIGIBILITY:

- All applicants must be seventeen (17) years or older as of the year of award
- All applicants must be applying to attend (or currently attending) a fully accredited post-secondary college or vocational educational institution
- All applicants must be a resident of or attending school in Allen County or in a school district in an adjoining county at the time of application
- All applicants must submit an application with the required supporting materials
- Recipient must be present at the awards event to accept the scholarship in person. (The PFLAG panel under exceptional circumstances may waive this requirement.)
- The applicant may not be a family member of anyone on the scholarship committee.

TERMS:

- One check for \$1000 will be issued to the selected student.
- This award is valid only for one academic year.
- The selected student will be required to carry the school's "full-time" schedule of courses.

APPLICATION INFORMATION:

- Applications and all supporting materials must be postmarked by **Saturday, March 21, 2009.**
- All information will be held in strict confidence.
- Applications may be obtained:
 - ♦ From school counselors
 - ♦ From the PFLAG Lima web page www.geocities.com/pflag_lima.
 - ♦ By sending an email request to pflag_lima@yahoo.com with the subject "Scholarship Application Request"
 - ♦ By requesting the application package by writing to:

PFLAG/Lima Scholarship Selection Committee
P O Box 5571,
Lima, OH 45802-5571

- Completed application materials should be sent to the above address.
- For further information call a committee member at 419-222-4954, or visit our website www.geocities.com/pflag_lima.
- Applicants will be notified of results by **April 30, 2009.**

CRITERIA FOR JUDGING APPLICATIONS WILL INCLUDE, BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO:

- The GLBT student shall be judged based upon affirmation of one's gay, lesbian, bisexual, or transgender identity.
- The straight student shall be judged upon demonstrated positive efforts to relate to and support the GLBT community.
- Academic performance
- Determination and potential to achieve goals
- Demonstration of integrity and honesty
- Participation and leadership in community activities

NOTE: Finalists will be required to participate in a personal interview with the PFLAG Scholarship Committee.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION: (Failure to comply may disqualify the applicant)

- **COMPLETED APPLICATION**
- **THREE (3) REFERENCES**
- **ORIGINAL ESSAY INCLUDING EVIDENCE OF ACTIVITY IN THE GLBT COMMUNITY**

APPLICATION AND AWARD TIMELINE:

March 21 - - APPLICATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY MARCH 21, 2009.

NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR LOST MAIL

APRIL - - Applications reviewed by the Scholarship Committee. The committee will interview top ranking candidates.

APRIL 30 - - Interviewed applicants will be notified of results by **April 30, 2009.**

May 15 - - - - PFLAG monthly meeting (3rd Friday May) Awards and announcement of winners.



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PFLAG SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

PLEASE INDICATE IF YOU ARE APPLYING AS A

_____ GLBT STUDENT or _____ STRAIGHT ALLY

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Telephone where you can be reached:

Home: _____ Work: _____ Cell: _____

Email Address: _____ Birth Date _____

Social Security Number _____

School/College currently attending _____

Graduation Date (if still in high school) _____

Approximate Class Academic Ranking _____ and/or GPA ____ (i.e.: 23 out of 42 or 3.56)

School Honors Awarded _____

Extracurricular Activities _____

Hobbies _____

Achievements Other Than School (include volunteer activities, work, or community) _____

(Attach extra sheets as needed)

A two-page personal reference form is attached to this application form. Provide this referral form to three (3) individuals you have selected as personal references. Ensure that at least one is a **PEER**, and another is a **MENTOR** who can adequately evaluate your contributions as listed in your application. Please select three (3) people who are not close friends or relatives, but who know you well and can tell us about your capabilities, and achievements. **(We strongly recommend at least one of your references specifically address your involvement in GLBT issues.)** They must send the completed forms directly to the address on the form, no later than **Saturday, March 21, 2009.**

Please enter the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of your references in the spaces below.

Personal Reference #1

Name _____
Address _____
City/State/Zip Code _____
Telephone Number _____
Relationship to Applicant (e. g. Teacher, Counselor, Supervisor) _____

Personal Reference #2

Name _____
Address _____
City/State/Zip Code _____
Telephone Number _____
Relationship to Applicant (e. g. Teacher, Counselor, Supervisor) _____

Personal Reference #3

Name _____
Address _____
City/State/Zip Code _____
Telephone Number _____
Relationship to Applicant (e. g. Teacher, Counselor, Supervisor) _____

What is or will be your major field of study in college? _____

To what colleges, universities, or vocational institutions do you plan to apply or do you currently attend? _____

How do you plan to finance your education? _____

Please attach an original essay addressing the following two subjects:

- ◆ Describe your goals in seeking higher education, how you hope to make the best of your skills, and your long-term career goals.
- ◆ Describe how you deal with society's generally negative view of sexual orientation. Specifically elaborate on what you have done, either as a GLBT person or straight ally, to present a positive image of sexual orientation issues?

PLEASE LIMIT YOUR ESSAY TO APPROXIMATELY TWO (2) TYPEWRITTEN PAGES.



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PFLAG (Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays) is part of an international organization (www.pflag.org) with more than 500 chapters. **PFLAG Lima** (www.geocities.com/pflag_lima) offers a scholarship program to assist outstanding students from Lima and the surrounding area in pursuing their post secondary education at an accredited college or vocational institution.

Please complete the following to assist us in evaluating this student's application for a **\$1000 scholarship**. We understand this will take some of your valuable time to think about and complete. We do appreciate your extra effort because this is an essential component of the student's documentation.

The form must be postmarked no later than Saturday, March 21, 2009.

Please mail the completed form to:

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Thank you for your support of this student. If you have any questions, please feel free to call us at 419-222-4954.

Student's Name _____

Your Name _____

Address _____ Phone _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Email Address _____

How long have you known this student? _____

What is your relationship with this student and in what capacity have you known her/him? (e.g., classroom, school, job, church, family, friend)

What do you know about this student that identifies her/him as a person able to set goals and pursue them to completion?

What else do you think we should know about this student? Please feel free to approach your answer to this question in a conversational way - - as though you were visiting with us about her/him. This is your chance to help us know this student as you do. If you know of this student's involvement in gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender issues, please include that information here. Please attach additional pages if you would like to include more information than space on this form allows.