



Scholarship Overview

The Denver chapter of PFLAG is proud to announce its 2021 Scholarship Program. PFLAG Denver will be awarding four **\$2,500** scholarships to exceptional high school seniors that may be used for expenses related to two and four-year institutions, as well as technical colleges and apprenticeship programs.

This scholarship rewards outstanding LGBTQ+ students and straight allies for their service to the LGBTQ+ community.

Scholarship Requirements

1. Graduate from a Colorado high school.
2. Have been a Colorado resident for at least three years.
3. Plan to attend an accredited university, college, vocational, or trade school in the Fall of 2021.
4. Self-identify as LGBTQ+ or an ally.
5. Provide a current academic transcript for all institutions attended (unofficial accepted).
6. Provide two sealed Letters of Recommendation mailed to the address below. Letters must address your leadership and service. Relatives and friends cannot submit letters. Mail your two sealed Letters of Recommendation, postmarked by **March 12, 2021** to:
PFLAG Denver Chapter, PO Box 6448, Denver, CO 80206
7. Complete all sections of the Scholarship Application, and email your completed application in PDF format to **scholarships@pflagdenver.org** by **March 12, 2021**.

Scholarship recipients will be notified by April 30, 2021.

*Recipients will be invited to attend a virtual ceremony
following notification of award.
Date & Time TBD.*

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Frequently Asked Questions

1. How do I submit my application?

Completed applications, including essay questions, consent/release, and unofficial transcript(s) must be emailed in PDF format to scholarships@pflagdenver.org. Two sealed Letters of Recommendation must be mailed to PFLAG Denver at PFLAG Denver Chapter, PO Box 6448, Denver, CO 80206. Your application will be considered complete and reviewed upon receipt of all of this information.

2. Do I need to identify as LGBTQ+ to apply?

No. Gender and sexual identity are not contributing factors for a scholarship.

3. Who can apply?

Colorado high school seniors, vocational and trade school students, and college freshman and sophomores who graduated from a Colorado high school.

4. On what can I spend the scholarship money?

The scholarship can only be used for tuition, fees, books, transportation, or living expenses.

5. Will I be required to submit verification of how I used the award?

Yes. Scholarship recipients must submit a short summary at the end of the scholarship year.

6. Is the award renewable?

No. The scholarship is awarded only for the identified academic year.

7. Who do I contact with questions or concerns?

Email questions to scholarships@pflagdenver.org or call the PFLAG office at (303) 573-5861.

8. Will my application be considered if it is incomplete?

No. We only consider complete applications.

9. Will my application be considered if it is late?

No. We only consider applications postmarked by March 12, 2021.

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Scholarship Application and Instructions

Type all of your answers to Sections 1, 2, and 3. Save them as a PDF, sign and print Section 4 and email all 4 sections with your current transcript(s) to **scholarships@pflagdenver.org**. Submissions must be postmarked by March 12, 2021.

1. Personal Information

- ☐ Full Name:
- ☐ Preferred First Name:
- ☐ Full Address:
- ☐ Phone:
- ☐ Email:
- ☐ Preferred method of contact:
- ☐ Preferred pronoun:
- ☐ Optional: I identify as _____ (e.g. queer, straight, ally, trans, etc.)
- ☐ If applicable: Are you out to your community?
- ☐ If applicable: Are you out to your family?
- ☐ For Graduating Seniors: High School Name
- ☐ For Post-Secondary Students: Current School (note any others previously attended):
- ☐ All - How did you find out about the PFLAG Scholarship Application?

2. Plans and Goals

- ☐ Graduating Seniors: What schools/programs have you applied to and what is your admission status (applied, wait list, admitted, planning to attend, etc.)?
- ☐ What do you expect your area of focus and/or major to be? What are your career goals?
- ☐ Post-Secondary Students: What is your major? What are your career goals?

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3. Essays: *All responses must be typed*

Please answer Essay Questions A, B and C with 250 – 300 words per question.

Essay A – Personal Growth, 20 Points

Facing hardship can build strength of character. Describe an instance in your personal life where you have overcome adversity and how that experience has instilled these qualities in you.

Essay B – LGBTQ+ Service, 40 Points

As an LGBTQ+ leader/advocate, why is it important to give back to others and your community? Include specific community and/or campus involvement that highlights this importance in your life.

Essay C – Going Forward, 30 Points

Outline how you plan to carry forward your commitment to social justice, diversity, and inclusion by explaining your future plans. Include career goals, student associations, or community activities.

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4. Consent and Release

I affirm that all information I have provided is true and accurate. I hereby authorize the members of the PFLAG Denver Scholarship Committee to review and discuss my grades, essays, and other records concerning me that are maintained by my school or are submitted by me for consideration.

Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

2021 Scholarship Application Checklist:

- ☐ Completed application (Sections 1 and 2)
- ☐ Three essay responses (Section 3)
- ☐ Applicant signed consent and release (Section 4)
- ☐ Two sealed Letters of Recommendation
- ☐ Academic transcript from high school and all post-secondary institutions attended to date

**Email your essays and unofficial transcript in PDF format
to: scholarships@pflagdenver.org**

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