Financial Aid Resources for LGBTQ Students

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Choosing a college is a daunting task for any first-time student, but for LGBTQ students, it can be downright terrifying. A whopping 13.4% of LGBTQ high school students who report frequent verbal harassment plan on not attending college, and 20% of all currently enrolled college students report fearing for their physical safety due to their gender identity or sexual orientation. In response, many universities are taking steps to fight back for their most vulnerable students, but understanding what to look for in a school is still difficult, which is why we created our guide to college for LGBTQ students.

This isn’t just a list of scholarships (although we have those too!). Our guide includes actionable strategies to assess a school on its inclusivity and programs to help make the transition to college easier for LGBTQ students.

We believe that no college student should fear for their safety based on their gender identity or sexual orientation, and we want to connect LGBTQ students with the information and scholarships they need to find the institution with their best interests at heart. We want to get this information in front of as many students as possible and believe our mission is in line with yours.

AffordableColleges.com’s mission is to help students earn their degrees without taking on thousands of dollars in debt. Our site is a free resource designed to help everyone address the costs of college while pursuing their goals.

http://www.affordablecolleges.com/#resources
Mark your calendar for Denver PrideFest, June 17-18, 2017. PFLAG will have a booth so please volunteer to staff the table with PFLAG Board members. See the May newsletter for the full description or call the office to sign up today.

There is a new meeting location of the Transgender Community Circle at new location (See News & Notes, this page) All at 6:30 P.M.

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Give OUT Day, the only national day of giving for the LGBTQ community, will take place on April 20. It is a 24-hour online fundraising event that unites donors and nonprofit organizations across the country. PFLAG Denver is registered for Give OUT Day. Go to www.giveoutday.org and type PFLAG Denver in the search box.

GLSEN (Gay Lesbian Straight Education Network) will hold its annual Day of Silence on April 21. Silence can create change! That’s why every year hundreds of thousands of students across the world take a vow of silence on a Friday in April. This quiet but powerful student-led action raises awareness about the silencing effect of anti-LGBT bullying, harassment, and discrimination. Strength in numbers. Solidarity in silence. www.glsen.org/dayofsilence.