



**Parents, Families & Friends of Lesbians and Gays
(PFLAG) Dayton
P.O. Box 3721
Dayton, OH 45401-3721
www.pflagdayton.org**

Description:

Two \$2,000 scholarships offered by the Dayton chapter of Parents, Families, and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG). **One \$1,000 scholarship** offered by the Greater Dayton LGBT Center.

OBJECTIVE:

The PFLAG scholarship program, including the Greater Dayton LGBT scholarship, is designed to recognize outstanding students [two lesbian, gay, bisexual, or transgender (LGBT) and one straight ally] and to contribute toward their continuing education. PFLAG and the LGBT Center recognize specific opportunities for lesbian and gay youth are limited, and the need for positive role models is acute. This program is designed to celebrate the achievement of individuals who represent PFLAG and the LGBT Center values.

QUALIFICATIONS:

The awarding of these scholarships 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 three (3) 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 three outstanding students:
 - Two who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, or transgender (LGBT) students
 - One who is a straight student who actively supports LGBT individuals and advocates for them
- To encourage continuing education for both the self-identified LGBT students and for the student who is a straight ally
- To foster a positive image of LGBT people in society. This might include the applicant's:
 - Active involvement in a campus or community based LGBT organization
 - Volunteering in LGBT or AIDS/HIV organization
 - Advocating on issues relevant to LGBT 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 the Miami Valley area at the time of application
- All applicants must submit an application with the required supporting materials
- Recipients 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:

- Checks for the amount of each scholarship will be issued to the three selected students.
- These awards are valid only for one academic year.
- The selected students will be required to carry a minimum of $\frac{3}{4}$ of the school's "full" schedule of courses.

APPLICATION INFORMATION:

- Applications and all supporting materials must be postmarked by **Monday, April 16, 2012.**
- All information will be held in strict confidence.
- Applications may be obtained:
 - From school counselors
 - From the PFLAG Dayton web page (www.pflagdayton.org)
 - By sending an email request to daytonpflag@yahoo.com with the subject "Scholarship Application Request"
 - By requesting the application package by writing to:
PFLAG/Dayton
Chapter Scholarship Selection Committee,
P. O. Box 3721
Dayton, OH 45401-3721
- Completed application materials should be sent to the above address.
- For further information call a committee member at 937-335-5586, or visit our website www.pflagdayton.org
- Applicants will be notified of results by **May 25, 2012.**

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

- The LGBT students 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 LGBT community.
- Academic performance
- Determination and potential to achieve goals
- Demonstration of integrity and honesty
- Participation and leadership in community activities

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

REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION: (Failure to comply may disqualify applicant)

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

APPLICATION AND AWARD TIMELINE:

April 16 **APPLICATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY MONDAY, APRIL 16, 2012.**
NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR LOST MAIL

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

May 25 Interviewed applicants will be notified of results by **May 25, 2012.**

June 12 PFLAG monthly meeting (2nd Tuesday in June) Awards dinner and introduction of winners.



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PFLAG/GREATER DAYTON LGBT CENTER SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

PLEASE INDICATE IF YOU ARE APPLYING FOR THE

PFLAG LGBT__ and/or Greater Dayton LGBT__ (may apply for both) or Straight Ally __ Scholarship

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 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 LGBT issues.)** They must send the completed forms directly to the address on the form, no later than **Monday, April 16, 2012.** 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 (i.e. Teacher, Counselor, Supervisor) _____

Personal Reference #2

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

Personal Reference #3

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

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What 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 LGBT 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 Scholarship Reference Form**

**PFLAG** (Parents, Families, Friends of Lesbians and Gays) is part of a national organization ([www.pflag.org](http://www.pflag.org)) with more than 350 chapters. The **LGBT Center** is a local group with the mission to help create programs that enhance the lives of sexual minorities in Dayton and the Miami Valley. **PFLAG Dayton** ([www.pflagdayton.org](http://www.pflagdayton.org)) and the **LGBT Center** ([www.lgbtcenter.org](http://www.lgbtcenter.org)) offer a scholarship program to assist outstanding students from the Miami Valley 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 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 Monday, April 16, 2012.**

Please mail the completed form to:

**PFLAG/Dayton  
Chapter Scholarship Selection Committee  
P. O. Box 3721  
Dayton, OH 45401-3721**

Thank you for your support of this student. If you have any questions, please feel free to call us at 937-335-5586.

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.