



East Central Minnesota PFLAG Scholarship Application 2021/22

East Central Minnesota PFLAG (Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays) is an all-volunteer organization that provides support for gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, questioning persons (and those who are perceived to be), their families and friends by being a visible presence in communities across the five-county region of east central Minnesota.

We share the mission of PFLAG chapters across Minnesota, as well as the rest of the country: *To promote the health and well-being of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender persons, their families and friends through: support, to cope with an adverse society; education, to enlighten an ill-informed public; and advocacy, to end discrimination and secure equal rights. PFLAG provides opportunity for dialogue about sexual orientation, and acts to create a society that is healthy and respectful of human diversity.* More information is available on our Web site: www.ECMNPFLAG.org.

The goal of our scholarship program is to recognize and support LGBTQ youth, and to encourage LGBTQ students to continue on to postsecondary education. We believe that our young people who have succeeded in overcoming the many challenges they've faced - while still advocating equality for all - will continue to do so throughout their lives.

Our scholarship program awards \$500 scholarships to LGBTQ seniors enrolled at high schools located within the five-county region of east central Minnesota (Kanabec, Isanti, Chisago, Pine, Mille Lacs). We also award \$500 scholarships to a first-year LGBTQ student enrolled at either Pine Technical and Community College or Anoka Ramsey Community College (Cambridge Campus).

This Year's deadline is **April 29, 2022**.

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PFLAG SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

- High school senior at one of the participating high schools
- First-year student enrolled in an area community college
- Making satisfactory academic progress
- Self identifies as LGBTQ
- Will be enrolled in a post-secondary institution the following fall

Awarding of all scholarships will be calculated upon the following criteria:

1. Completion of the application form
2. A well-written application essay
3. A strong Letter of Recommendation

APPLICATION PACKET:

Please collect all of the following documents into one packet and hand-deliver to your Counselor's/Scholarship Office or mail as noted below.

- Completed scholarship application form
- Two page maximum application essay
- One (1) Signed Letter of Recommendation
- A copy of a current unofficial transcript, or other evidence of GPA and class standing

APPLICATION ESSAY:

The following essay question must be answered in your own words and typed in English with minimal spelling or grammatical errors. The essay can be no longer than two pages, double-spaced.

Please address all of the following in your essay:

1. Based on your unique life experience, tell us about the challenges you've faced and/or the obstacles you've overcome as a young person who identifies as LGBTQ

APPLICATION DEADLINE: **April 29, 2022**

All of the required documents must be returned to your Counseling/Scholarship Office or postmarked and mailed no later than April 29, 2022 to:

East Central MN PFLAG
C/O P. Schroeder
2237 Forest Shores Rd.
Ogilvie, MN 56358



2022 East Central Minnesota PFLAG
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM
(Please Print Legibly)

Name _____ Pronouns _____

Telephone _____

E-mail _____

Address _____

Name of current high school or college attending _____

Anticipated high school or college graduation date _____

Current GPA _____

For High School Students:

Post-secondary institution you plan on attending: _____

Have you applied? Yes ___ No ___ Been accepted? Yes ___ No ___

Anticipated start date: _____

APPLICATION CHECKLIST:

- Completed and Signed Application Form
- PFLAG Application Essay
- Letter of Recommendation
- Unofficial Transcript
- Complete application packet mailed to PFLAG or delivered to your Counseling/Scholarship office no later than April 29, 2022

SIGNATURE:

I understand that my signature constitutes my consent to have my essay, photo and name used in affiliation with my participating high school, college and the PFLAG Scholarship Program in area news media, other print materials and Websites.

Signature _____

Date _____