



2022 Scholarship Application

Scholarship Information

- The PFLAG Springfield 2022 Scholarship is dedicated to encouraging and supporting higher education for outstanding LGBTQ+ students.
- The scholarship is for three recipients in the amount of \$2000 per recipient.
- The money must be used toward educational expenses.
- Awards will be distributed to the school's financial aid department upon receipt of a letter of acceptance and verification of enrollment to a certification or degree program.

Eligibility Requirements

- Be a current resident of Missouri's Barry, Cedar, Christian, Dade, Dallas, Douglas, Greene, Jasper, Laclede, Lawrence, McDonald, Newton, Ozark, Polk, Stone, Taney, Webster, or Wright counties.
- Accepted to attend, or currently enrolled in a technical/vocational program pursuing certification OR accepted to attend, or currently enrolled in a college or university pursuing an undergraduate or graduate degree. *Note: Preference may be given to undergraduate students.*
- Be a self-identified LGBTQ+ student.
- Have demonstrated community service or a desire to serve the LGBTQ+ community.
- *Note: Preference may be given to applicants who have not previously received a PFLAG scholarship.*

Materials and Deadlines

- Your application and required materials must be postmarked or emailed by March 1, 2022.
- A signed and completed scholarship application. *Incomplete applications will not be considered.*
- Your high school or GED transcript and/or your most recent college or university transcript.
- Two sealed letters of reference. References should be from people other than family members.
- A signed and completed release form. A parent or guardian must sign if you are under 18 years of age.

Selection Criteria

- Positive sense of self and development as a lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or genderqueer person.
- Service to the LGBTQ+ community.
- Evidence of academic potential, academic achievement, and/or academic improvement.
- Participation or leadership in school and/or community organizations.
- Articulation of career and community goals, as well as determination to achieve these goals.
- Sense of personal integrity, ethical judgement, and honesty.
- Financial need and participation in efforts to supplement educational costs.

Personal Data* (Please print or type)

Full Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City / State/ Zip: _____

Email: _____ Preferred Pronouns: _____

Phone: (_____) _____ Date of Birth: _____

Do you identify yourself as LGBTQ+? (Please circle one) YES NO

Are we permitted to leave a message at either of these numbers referencing PFLAG Springfield or its purpose?
(Please circle one) YES NO (If NO, we will contact you via the email address provided.)

*Should you be selected as a scholarship recipient, we strongly encourage you to accept your award at the virtual reception on **Sunday, May 15, 2022 at 3:00pm**. However, we are understanding of individual circumstances; exceptions can be made for privacy and safety concerns.*

Current Academic Standing: (Please circle one) Graduating HS Senior or Equivalent
College/University: Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior Other _____

What is your admission status? (Please circle one) Applied and waiting for response
Accepted for admission Already Attending Other _____

For which semester are you applying for scholarship funds? (Please circle one) Fall Spring Summer

If you are a graduating high school senior please complete the following:

Name of High School: _____

Expected Graduation Date: _____ City / State: _____

Name and location of school(s) you plan to attend or are currently attending:

Name of School, City, State _____

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Major(s), intended major(s), or area(s) of study: _____

Please list any awards, honors, or recognitions you have received from your school or community:

Please list involvements or leadership roles you have had with work, clubs, or extracurricular activities:

Essay: Your essay should be between 500 and 1000 words, preferably typed, and should integrate answers to the following: How has being an LGBTQ+ student impacted your life? How have your experiences molded who you are today? What have you done and what will you do to improve the LGBTQ+ community?

PFLAG Springfield is committed to social justice for students of color, students with disabilities, and English language learners. If your identity as an LGBTQ+ student intersects with experiences of race, ethnicity, and/or disability, you are welcome to share how your intersectional experiences have impacted who you are today.

Note: It is recommended that your application and essay be proofread and corrected for errors. You may email PFLAG Springfield at love@pflagoftheozarks.org to request the service of an anonymous proofreader to give feedback on your application and essay. Please email this request with the title "PROOFREAD" in the subject line by February 15, 2022.

All materials should be sent to:

PFLAG Springfield
Attention: Scholarship Committee
P.O. Box 1752
Springfield, MO 65801

OR emailed to: love@pflagoftheozarks.org

Questions? Please feel free to send us an email at love@pflagoftheozarks.org or call us at 417-350-5300.

How did you hear about the PFLAG Springfield 2022 Scholarship? _____

I certify that the information contained in this application is true.

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____

**All information is confidential and will only be shared with the scholarship committee.*

Letter of Reference Cover Sheet* (Please type or print)

Name of Applicant: _____

Name of Reference: _____

Place of Employment (if applicable): _____

Job Title (if applicable): _____

Contact Information: _____

PFLAG Springfield Vision Statement:

We, the parents, families, and friends of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender persons, celebrate diversity and envision a society that embraces everyone, including those of diverse sexual orientations and gender identities. Only with respect, dignity, and equality for all will we reach our full potential as human beings, individually and collectively. PFLAG welcomes the participation and support of all who share in, and hope to realize, this vision.

Please respond to the following questions as they pertain to the applicant:

- What is your relationship with the applicant and how long have you known them?
- Why do you think the applicant should be considered for the PFLAG Springfield 2022 Scholarship?
- How does this applicant contribute to participation and leadership in school and/or community organizations?
- Describe any knowledge you have regarding the applicant's commitment and dedication to LGBTQ+ and diversity issues.
- Provide any additional information regarding the applicant's community service and academic achievement.

You have two submission options for your letter of reference:

1. Please attach this cover sheet to your typed reference letter and place them into a sealed envelope with your signature across the back of the envelope. Please return your letter of reference in a sealed envelope to the applicant before March 1, 2022, as it is to be included in the entire application packet.
1. Please attach this cover sheet to your typed reference letter and email them directly from your own email address to: love@pflagoftheozarks.org no later than March 1, 2022.

Thank you for taking the time to help PFLAG Springfield offer educational assistance to a qualified student who has an appreciation and commitment to lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender issues and to the inclusion of equality for individuals.

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