



## Scholarship Application New Applicant

\* Deadline June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025 \*

<b>What is the purpose of the Scholarship?</b>	<b>To provide unrestricted, post-secondary scholarship funds to eligible LGBTQ+ scholars</b>
<b>Who is eligible?</b>	<p><i>LGBTQ+ persons who:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Are 16 years of age or older and have completed high school by <b>June 2025</b>.</li> <li>✓ Have a home address within the last two years in the Jacksonville metropolitan area (<b>Baker, Clay, Duval, Nassau, Putnam and St. Johns counties</b>) or are currently attending a college or university in the same area.</li> <li>✓ Will be registered for full-time attendance (defined as 12 semester hours or more for undergraduate programs and 9 semester hours or more for graduate programs) at a post-secondary or trade school educational institution by <b>August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025</b>.</li> <li>✓ The application being submitted must match the school you are attending and the major for the classes you are submitting Fall registration for. Any changes to your application, including school or major must be submitted by June 1<sup>st</sup> 2025.</li> </ul>
<b>What is required of PFLAG Scholars?</b>	<p><i>All PFLAG Scholars <b>MUST</b>:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consent to and participate in efforts to educate the general public. Such efforts may entail disclosure of LGBTQ+ identity in press releases and other print and visual media.</li> <li>• <b>Deliver a brief speech (3-5 minutes)</b> at the annual PFLAG Scholarship Ceremony held <b>August 2<sup>nd</sup> 2025</b>.</li> <li>• Submit proof of registration or a letter of acceptance from a post-secondary educational or trade institution for the academic year.</li> <li>• After competition of the first academic term and in order to receive the second installment of scholarship funds, scholars must submit the following to <a href="mailto:application@pflagjax.org">application@pflagjax.org</a> no later than February 14<sup>th</sup> 2026 or funds will no longer be available:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Grades from completed academic term. Please note that in order to receive the second installment of scholarship funds, scholars must earn grades of C or higher in all subject areas.</li> <li>○ A 2 to 3 minute video or a one-page typewritten essay about how being a PFLAG scholarship recipient has made it possible for you to achieve or pursue your academic goals and to serve the LGBTQ+ community. Please include what you would say to potential donors as to why they should support the PFLAG scholarship fund.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Proof of registration in the upcoming academic term.</li> </ul>
<b>How are PFLAG Scholars chosen?</b>	<p><i>Scholars will be selected using the following criteria:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Academic potential and/or evidence of academic achievement of grades C or higher.</li> <li>➤ Evidence of participation and leadership in school and community activity.</li> <li>➤ Clarity of future goals and determination to achieve them.</li> <li>➤ Sense of personal integrity, ethical judgment, and honesty.</li> </ul>

<p><b>How are PFLAG Scholars chosen? (cont.)</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Maturity and positive sense of self as a lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or queer+ person.</li> <li>➤ Service to the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer+ community.</li> <li>➤ Financial need and participation in efforts to supplement educational costs.</li> </ul> <p><b>Note:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ While preference will be given to full-time students, in some instances part-time students and those enrolled in continuing education programs may be considered.</li> <li>➤ Full-time recipients are awarded \$1,000 for Fall and \$1,000 for Spring while part-time recipients are awarded \$500 for Fall and \$500 for Spring.</li> <li>➤ Preference will also be given to applicants who have not previously received a PFLAG scholarship.</li> </ul>
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**New Applicant Information\***

*All information will remain strictly confidential*

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Legal Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Pronouns: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Post-secondary institution you plan to attend\*\***

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Current status of admission application: \_\_\_\_\_

Term(s) for which scholarship will be used: \_\_\_\_\_

Intended major or field of study: \_\_\_\_\_

**\* Application must be completed digitally. No handwritten applications will be accepted.**

**If you have any issues, please email [application@pflagjax.org](mailto:application@pflagjax.org).**

**\*\*It is your responsibility to notify PFLAG Jacksonville of any change to your major or school you are attending by the application deadline.**

## Application Checklist

Please complete the checklist below before submitting application package

The application form is complete

A current resume is attached

Transcripts are attached

*Official or unofficial high school transcripts or if applicable your most current official or unofficial Post-secondary transcripts.*

Proof of acceptance and/or enrollment for the upcoming term

*Letter of acceptance required only if school for the upcoming term is different than the one your transcripts are from. If you are maintaining enrollment in the same institution, a copy of your academic schedule will suffice.*

*NOTE: If you are awarded the scholarship, proof of enrollment will be required before any disbursement can be made for both the fall and spring terms. Full-time is defined as 12 semester hours or more for undergraduate and 9 semester hours or more for graduate.*

I am registered as      Full-Time      Part-Time

Proof of Residency is attached

*Documentation to support that you reside in or have resided in the Jacksonville metropolitan area (Baker, Clay, Duval, Nassau, and St. Johns counties) within the last two years. Examples of acceptable documentation includes recent transcripts, utility bill in your name, driver's license, passport, rental/lease agreement, etc., showing your Jacksonville metropolitan area address. For questions or if you are unsure if you have acceptable supporting documentation, please email [application@pflagjax.org](mailto:application@pflagjax.org).*

Three (3) reference forms have been distributed

*Reference persons may include one family member or friend and should include at least two teachers, school counselors, school administrators, employers, or agency leaders. Reference letters should be submitted directly to PFLAG Jacksonville. You are responsible for ensuring that all references are emailed by the deadline.*

Reference 1 Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Reference 2 Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Reference 3 Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

I verify that all information is accurate

*Please answer each of the following questions in essay form using complete sentences and paragraphs. Responses to all five (5) questions are to be answered with a combined minimum of two (2) pages and should not exceed five (5) pages.*

**1. What are your career goals and how do you plan to achieve them?**

**2. How has being lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or queer+ affected your life? Describe how you have affirmed your identity as a lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or queer+ person and contributed to the LGBTQ+ community.**

**3. What achievement or accomplishment has made you especially proud?**

**4. What is a book, play or film that has impacted your life? Describe how and why.**

5. Please list what other types of income, including employment and other scholarships, grants, and family and/or friend donations, you plan to pursue in order to finance your education.

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**Remember to complete the Application Checklist on page 3**

Save this application and email with other documents to: [application@pflagjax.org](mailto:application@pflagjax.org)

Include "PFLAG Scholarship Application" in the subject line

**\*Application materials received after June 1, 2025, will not be considered \***

*All application materials will be kept on file for three (3) years and then destroyed.*