



2017 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Due March 15, 2017

DESCRIPTION

\$1,000 scholarships are offered to LGBTQ youth by the Santa Fe Chapter of PFLAG.

PURPOSE OF AWARD

- To recognize outstanding lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer (LGBTQ) and straight allied youth.
- To encourage continuing education for self-identified LGBTQ youth.
- To foster a positive image of LGBTQ people in society.

ELIGIBILITY & TERMS

- Priority is given to LGBTQ youth, however LGBTQ students up to the age of 35 are eligible to apply.
- Priority will be given to first time recipients. Only past recipients who have received *only one* Santa Fe PFLAG scholarship are eligible (i.e. you are not eligible if you have received it twice).
- Scholarships designated for a Straight Ally *may* be available.
- Must attend a post-secondary educational institution within one year (this can include universities, colleges, community colleges, technical institutes, etc.)
- Resident of the state of New Mexico.
- Must submit an application (*in full, following all directions*) with required supporting materials by the application deadline.
- Must attend Scholarship Award Reception (or have an excused absence AND make alternative arrangements to thank donor).
- Awards will be paid by check jointly to the student and the institution and may only be used for education expenses (i.e. course registration fees, lab fees, books, university housing, etc).

CRITERIA FOR AWARDING SCHOLARSHIPS

- Identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender or straight ally.
- Demonstration of integrity and honesty.
- Determination and potential to achieve goals.
- Participation in community activities.

REQUIREMENTS & DETAILS

- **Applications will be considered only if the ALL of the following is received electronically (or postmarked) by MARCH 15, 2017:**
 1. Completed Application — typed and e-signed (*SAVE AS: "LastName_FirstName_App*)
 2. Your most recent transcripts (unofficial is acceptable) (*SAVE AS: "LastName_FirstName_Transcripts*)
 3. Two recommendation letters (letters should be sent directly to us by your references)
 4. Submit one of these two ways:
 - **Email (preferred) – scholarship@pflagsantafe.org**
 - Mail – Attn: Scholarship, PFLAG Santa Fe, PO Box 32053, Santa Fe, NM 87594

IMPORTANT DATES:

- **APPLICATION DUE DATE: MARCH 15, 2017**
- **DECISIONS ANNOUNCED: MAY 2017**
- **SCHOLARSHIP AWARD RECEPTION: SUNDAY JUNE 4TH (*attendance expected*)**

For more information, e-mail us at scholarship@pflagsantafe.org or call Jenn at 505-660-3288.

Frequently Asked Questions

- 1. *Is it better to email my application in, or send it via US Mail?***
Either is acceptable, however email is much preferred.
- 2. *How should I save my electronic app to be emailed in?***
Please save all of you application components as “LAST NAME_FIRST NAME_DOC TITLE”. For example, I would submit as this:
Jeverson_Jenn_APP, Jeverson_Jenn_Transcripts, etc.
- 3. *Should my letter of reference be sent separately or with my application?***
References letters are usually best sent separately by your reference. Either email or US Mail is acceptable, though email is much preferred when possible. We encourage you to follow up and confirm that your reference did indeed submit their letter of reference by the due date.
- 4. *Do my transcripts need to be official? Also, what if it has “copy” printed across it when I scan it??***
Unofficial transcripts are just fine; it is also fine when “copy” is printed across it when scanned.
- 5. *I am having trouble with formatting of the cover page. What should I do?***
Do the best you can...you can hand write (VERY NEATLY!) the cover page if needed, or you can type it out on a separate page. All answers to the narrative application questions MUST be typed.
- 6. *I have received an application in the past. May I reapply?***
You are eligible to receive a PFLAG Santa Fe scholarship a total of TWO times. So if you have received it only once, yes, you may reapply. After you have received two scholarships, you are no longer eligible to apply.
- 7. *Am I eligible for the scholarship if I don't live in Santa Fe?***
Yes, you are eligible for the scholarship as long as you are a resident of New Mexico. If you are studying at a university outside of NM, you can still apply as long as you are considered a NM resident still. If you are originally from out of state, but are studying here in NM, AND are considered a NM resident now, you may also apply.