

Greater Boston PFLAG Scholarship Application 2021

Greater Boston PFLAG will award one student scholarship funds of up to \$5,000 each year (up to 4 years of consecutive enrollment in total) to one graduating Massachusetts high school student who will attend a 2-or 4-year college or technical/vocational school in the 2021-2022 academic year. The award will be based solely on responses to the questions below, references and interview.

Applicants are required to submit two letters of reference, one being from someone who can address your commitment to the LGBTQ community. Please do not include transcripts or financial information. All students are welcome and encouraged to apply, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity. If you are a finalist, you will be invited for an interview by phone or in person with the scholarship committee in early March.

Please submit completed applications by January 31 to:

Greater Boston PFLAG, PO Box 541619, Waltham MA 02454

OR

Email: info@gbpflag.org

Identifying Information About You:

Preferred Name: _____

Pronouns: _____

Parent(s) or Guardian(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____

Best telephone # to reach you at: _____

High School: _____

School Guidance Counselor: _____ Telephone: _____

GSA or Community-Based Organization Affiliation (if any):

GSA Advisor or Community-Based Adult Advisor (if any): _____

Advisor Email: _____ Telephone: _____

How did you hear about Greater Boston PFLAG's Scholarship program?

CHECKLIST for documents enclosed with the application:

- Application
- Essay
- Two letters of reference, one being from someone who can address your commitment to the LGBTQ community
- Release Form

Extracurricular Activities:

Please highlight any honors, recognitions, clubs, activities etc that you are or have been involved with that may be relevant to the theme of this scholarship. Please list any honors or recognition you have received; Note clubs or activities in which you are or have been involved; Please briefly describe any community service activities that you have been involved with. Be sure to mention any activities in which you played a leadership role.

If you are involved with a GSA, AGLY, and/or LGBTQ community, describe your involvement. How long have you been involved?

Academic Information:

To what colleges, universities, or career schools are you applying?

Essay Question:

Please answer the following question. Your essay should be 500 typewritten words or less.

One of Greater Boston PFLAG’s goals is to “make it better now”; what have you done, or might you plan to do, that will “make it better now” in your home, school, community or beyond for LGBTQ youth? Feel free to include personal experiences that led you to make LGBTQ causes a priority in your life.

Signature:

All of the information provided on this form is true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Signature of applicant

_____/_____/_____
Date

All parts of the application must be completed to be considered. Please follow up with your references to ensure that their letters have been received by Feb. 28th, 2020 If sending by mail, please do not staple your application materials.

If you are selected as a scholarship recipient, Greater Boston PFLAG would like to recognize you, but only with your explicit approval. Please review the form on the following side, and include it as a part of your application. Your eligibility for a scholarship will not be affected by your answers on the Release Form.

Greater Boston PFLAG Scholarship Release Form

Please be assured that whether you grant or deny these permissions does NOT affect the outcome of your application. This is an administrative form that is not sent out to reviewers.

On the _____ (day) of _____ (month), _____ (year), I, make the following eight statements of my own free will.

Please check each line that you agree with below. If selected for the GBPFLAG Scholarship, I acknowledge and agree to the following:

_____ I grant Greater Boston PFLAG permission to approach my high school principal regarding recognition of my scholarship award by the high school.

_____ I grant Greater Boston PFLAG permission to publish an announcement of my scholarship award in the local news media.

_____ I grant Greater Boston PFLAG permission to publish an announcement of my scholarship award to the national news media.

_____ I grant Greater Boston PFLAG permission to release information about my scholarship award to local PFLAG chapters.

_____ I grant Greater Boston PFLAG permission to use my photograph in their publicity releases about my scholarship award.

_____ I grant Greater Boston PFLAG permission to use my scholarship essay in an anthology of stories to be compiled for publication or for promotion of the scholarship program.

_____ I grant Greater Boston PFLAG permission to include my picture, bio and quotes from my essay in their newsletter or other print materials and on their website.

_____ I am willing and expect to be able to attend Greater Boston PFLAG's Pride & Passion event (the evening of Friday, May 1, 2020, in downtown Boston) along with up to two guests, where scholarship winners are publicly recognized.

Signature: _____

Print name: _____