



GREATER BOSTON PFLAG

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Greater Boston PFLAG Scholarship Application

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 2022-2023 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 (teacher, advisor, adult in your life, community leader, etc.). If you have questions about how to obtain a letter of reference, please reach out to info@gbpflag.org)

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.

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

Please submit completed applications by January 31 to:

Greater Boston PFLAG, PO Box 541619, Waltham MA 02454

OR

Email: info@gbpflag.org

All parts of the application must be completed to be considered. Reference letters can be included with the application or sent directly to GBPFLAG by mail or email. Please follow up with your references to ensure that their letters have been received by January 31. If sending by mail, please do not staple your application materials.

Our Commitment to Diversity and Inclusion: Sexual orientation, gender identity and gender expression cross every race, ethnicity, sex, age, religion, ability and socio-economic class. We are passionate about promoting and celebrating this rich diversity in everything we do.

Identifying Information About You:

Preferred Name: _____

Preferred Pronouns: _____

Parent(s) or Guardian(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____

Best telephone # to reach you at: _____

High School: _____

Academic Information:

What are your post-secondary plans for Fall 2022?

Essay Question:

Please answer the following question and attach separately. Your essay should be 1000 typewritten words or less.

One of Greater Boston PFLAG's goals is to "make it better now"; what have you done that will "make it better now" for your peers and for future LGBTQ+ youth in your home, school, community or beyond? Feel free to include personal experiences that led you to make LGBTQ+ causes a priority in your life.

Short Answer Questions:

What would receiving a scholarship like this mean to you?

Please highlight any LGBTQ+ support, advocacy or education work that you have participated in a leadership role.

Please list any clubs, activities, work or volunteer experience, honors, or recognitions that you have participated in or received that are relevant to this scholarship.

Signature:

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

Signature of applicant

_____/_____/_____
Date

If you are selected as a scholarship recipient, Greater Boston PFLAG would like to recognize you, but only with your explicit approval. Please review this release form 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 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 publish an announcement of my scholarship award in the local news media.

_____ 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 include my picture, bio and quotes from my essay in their newsletter or other print materials and on their website.

Signature: _____

Print name: _____

(If applicant is under 18)

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Print name: _____