



## East Central Minnesota PFLAG Scholarship Application 2023/2024

East Central Minnesota PFLAG (Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays) is an all-volunteer organization that provides support for gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, questioning persons (and those who are perceived to be), their families and friends by being a visible presence in communities across the five-county region of east central Minnesota.

We share the mission of PFLAG chapters across Minnesota, as well as the rest of the country: *To promote the health and well-being of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender persons, their families and friends through: support, to cope with an adverse society; education, to enlighten an ill-informed public; and advocacy, to end discrimination and secure equal rights. PFLAG provides opportunity for dialogue about sexual orientation, and acts to create a society that is healthy and respectful of human diversity.* More information is available on our Web site: [www.ECMNPFLAG.org](http://www.ECMNPFLAG.org).

**The goal of our scholarship program is to recognize and support LGBTQ+ youth, and to encourage LGBTQ+ students to continue on to postsecondary education. We believe that our young people who have succeeded in overcoming the many challenges they've faced will continue to do so throughout their lives.**

Our scholarship program awards \$500 scholarships to LGBTQ+ seniors enrolled at high schools located within the five-county region of east central Minnesota (Kanabec, Isanti, Chisago, Pine, Mille Lacs). We also award \$500 scholarships to a first-year LGBTQ+ student enrolled at either Pine Technical and Community College or Anoka Ramsey Community College (Cambridge Campus).

This Year's deadline is **April 15, 2024.**

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### PFLAG SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

- High school senior at one of the participating high schools
- First-year student enrolled in an area community college
- Making satisfactory academic progress
- Self identifies as LGBTQ+
- Will be enrolled in a post-secondary institution the following fall

Awarding of all scholarships will be based upon the following criteria:

1. Completion of the application form
2. A well-written application essay
3. A strong Letter of Recommendation

#### APPLICATION PACKET:

Please collect all of the following documents into one packet and hand-deliver to your Counselor's/Scholarship Office or mail as noted below.

- Completed scholarship application form
- Two page maximum application essay
- One (1) Signed Letter of Recommendation
- A copy of a current unofficial transcript, or other evidence of GPA and class standing

#### APPLICATION ESSAY:

The following essay question must be answered in your own words and typed in English with minimal spelling or grammatical errors. The essay can be no longer than two pages, double-spaced.

Please address all of the following in your essay:

1. Based on your unique life experience, tell us about the challenges you've faced and/or the obstacles you've overcome as a young person who identifies as LGBTQ+.

#### APPLICATION DEADLINE: **April 15, 2024**

All of the required documents must be returned to your Counseling/Scholarship Office or postmarked and mailed no later than April 15, 2024 to:

East Central MN PFLAG  
C/O P. Schroeder  
2237 Forest Shores Rd.  
Ogilvie, MN 56358



2024 East Central Minnesota PFLAG  
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM  
(Please Print Legibly)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Pronouns \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Name of current high school or college attending \_\_\_\_\_

Anticipated high school or college graduation date \_\_\_\_\_

Current GPA \_\_\_\_\_

For High School Students:

Post-secondary institution you plan on attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you applied? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_      Been accepted? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Anticipated start date: \_\_\_\_\_

APPLICATION CHECKLIST:

- ☐ Completed and Signed Application Form
- ☐ PFLAG Application Essay
- ☐ Letter of Recommendation
- ☐ Unofficial Transcript
- ☐ Complete application packet mailed to PFLAG or delivered to your Counseling/Scholarship office no later than April 15, 2024

SIGNATURE:

I understand that my signature constitutes my consent to have my essay, photo and name used in affiliation with my participating high school, college and the PFLAG scholarship program in area news media, other print materials, social media and websites.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_