



PFLAG Long Beach Chapter

Our Mission: By meeting people where they are and collaborating with others, PFLAG realizes its vision through:

- Support for families, allies, and people who are LGBTQIA,
- Education for ourselves and others about the unique issues and challenges facing people who are LGBTQIA,
- Advocacy in our community to change attitudes and create policies and laws that achieve full equality for people who are LGBTQIA.

PFLAG LONG BEACH SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION 2021-22

All information must be returned by April 16, 2021.

Scholarship Requirements for 2021-22

1. A 2.5 overall GPA (unless extenuating circumstances), with documentation to support GPA required.
2. Applicant or their parent must live in the greater Long Beach Area at the time of application.
3. Applicant identifies as gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, intersex, queer, or straight ally.
4. Applicant is a LGBTQIA high school senior who is planning to attend a Department of Education (DOE) non-profit community/junior college, or 4-year college.
5. OR applicant is a LGBTQIA continuing college student attending a DOE approved non-profit community/junior college or 4-year college. Graduate level students are also eligible applicants.
6. Applicant should be involved in support, education, and/or advocacy in their community or school.

2021-22 Scholarship awards will be for a minimum of \$500.00 with up to 5 or more scholarships in 2021. The number awarded will be based on the merit and number of applications.

1. Awards will be sent to the student's college bursar, (never to the student).
2. PFLAG Long Beach scholarship webpage has been updated for the 2021-22 academic year and the scholarship application is currently available.
3. Applications and essays can either be emailed or postmarked through U.S. MAIL no later than April 16, 2021, and Letter of Recommendation should be mailed with a postmark no later than April 30, 2021.

Email to:

PFLAGLBScholarships@gmail.com

Mail to:

PFLAG Long Beach
P.O. Box 15465
Long Beach, CA 90815

4. Recipients will be requested to attend the PFLAG Long Beach meeting on June 9, 2021 to be congratulated by its members. (Recipients attendance is PFLAG's way of honoring the scholarship recipients, however, your attendance is not mandatory to any of these events.)
5. Scholarship Award Winners will need to immediately provide their college student ID in order to deposit scholarship money into Bursar's account of their enrolled college.

**Complete the application provided by PFLAG Long Beach by April 16, 2021.
Please provide the following information:**

1. A letter of recommendation must be mailed via US mail directly from one of the following: A teacher or professor, an official from a recognized LGBTQ organization, ally LGBTQ organization, a coach, counselor or work supervisor. Please follow the instructions for recommendation submission and have it postmarked by April 30, 2021.
 2. Provide a copy of your FASFA for next September 2021, and if you are unable to provide the FAFSA, an explanation of why you are unable to provide it, or a letter stating your situation. DACA students are eligible to apply.
 3. Verify Residency. Provide a current copy of your state ID or your (or parents) Driver's License OR an electric bill with a photo ID to prove residency.
 4. Your most recent unofficial transcript.
 5. Your one page cover letter addressing why you feel you need this scholarship and how you heard about this scholarship.
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PFLAG Long Beach Scholarship Letter of Recommendation Instructions

Please request that the individual writing your recommendation include the following information along with the signed letter of recommendation:

- Name of student.
- Name of individual writing the recommendation.
- Address.
- Email.
- Phone number.
- Relationship to the student.
- How long have you know this student?
- Is the student able to set goals and pursue them to completion?
- Why would this person be a good recipient for a PFLAG Long Beach scholarship?

Letters of recommendation must be mailed to the following address and postmarked no later than April 30, 2021:

PFLAG LONG BEACH
P.O. BOX 15465
LONG BEACH, CA 90815

(Note, emailed letters of recommendation will not be considered.)

PFLAG LONG BEACH APPLICATION FORM 2021

1. **Name:**
2. **Address:**
3. **Telephone Number(s):**
4. **Email Address:**
5. **High School Attended (Include City and State):**
6. **If you are currently attending college, please provide the following:**
College's Name:
 - A. Address:
 - B. Term completed:
 - C. Dates attended:
 - D. Major field of study:
 - E. Cumulative GPA:
7. **If not currently enrolled in college, please provide colleges applied to:**
 - A. Names and Addresses:
 - B. Proposed Majors:
8. **Have you been accepted by any of these colleges?**
9. **Any honors, skills or awards received at school or from your community?**
10. **Any extracurricular activities you are involved in at school or in your community since high school?**
11. **How did you hear about the PFLAG Long Beach Scholarship?**
12. **Please complete an essay on separate pages addressing one of the following questions in 500 words or less.**
 - A. Often we are inspired by someone else to take action or to take a different path. Is there someone in the LBGTQIA Community that inspired you? What did they inspire you to do?
OR
 - B. Discuss your experiences in the LBGTQIA community with respect to gender, race, ethnicity, class, religion, and sexual orientation. What have you done to understand all peoples point of view? Please give personal examples.
13. **Write a statement where you see yourself in ten years, your hopes expectations, and aspirations. Please keep this to 500 words or less.**

Please include a picture of yourself.

Applications Email to: PFLAGLBscholarships@gmail.com

Applications and Letters of Recommendations mail to:

PFLAG Long Beach
P.O. Box 15465
Long Beach, CA 90815

2021-22 PFLAG Long Beach Scholarship Photo Release Form

I grant PFLAG Long Beach and its representatives the right to take photographs of me in connection with receiving the 2021 PFLAG Long Beach Scholarship.

I authorize PFLAG Long Beach to use and publish the same in print and electronically.

I authorize PFLAG Long Beach to use my name and or photograph for any lawful purpose, including to publicize or promote the PFLAG Long Beach Scholarship in press releases to newspapers or other publications, on the organization's websites, Facebook page, Twitter feed, or other electronic or printed media. I understand I am encouraged to attend the acceptance ceremony and be photographed, but it is not mandatory for receiving the award.

I have read and understand the above.

Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Address: _____

Date: _____

Signature of Parent or guardian (if under 18):

Printed name of parent or guardian (if under 18):

PFLAG 2021 APPLICATION CHECKLIST

1. ___ Cover Letter
2. ___ Application
 - Complete form of Steps #1-11
 - Essay A or B (Step #12)
 - 10 Year Projection Essay (Step #13)
3. ___ Copy of FASFA
4. ___ Proof of Residency
5. ___ Most Recent Unofficial School Transcript
6. ___ Photograph Release Form
7. ___ Current Photograph
8. ___ Letter of Recommendation (submitted by April 30, 2021)

Application (submit by April 16, 2021):

Via email: pflagbscholarships@gmail.com

Applications and Letters of Recommendation via mail (must be postmarked by April 30, 2021):

Via mail: **PFLAG Long Beach**
P.O. Box 14565
Long Beach, CA 90815