



PFLAG South Orange County Scholarship Application Packet

All information & Application will be available beginning January 15, 2017 at www.pflagsouthoc.com

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 & challenges facing people who are LGBTQIA*
- *Advocacy in our communities to change attitudes & create policies and laws that achieve full equality for people who are LGBTQIA*

Scholarship Eligibility Requirements

- 3.0 Overall GPA (if lower than 3.0, include a letter of explanation).
- Must be a resident (or a parent must be a resident) of Orange County at the time of the application.
- Must identify as gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, intersex, queer or straight ally.
- LGBTQIA high school senior continuing to higher education; LGBTQIA full-time undergraduate; LGBTQIA student attending or planning on attending a vocational school.
- Ages 17 to 24.
- Involved in support, education and/or advocacy in their school or community.

Scholarship Amount

- 2017 Scholarship awards will range from a minimum of \$500 to a maximum of \$2,500. The number and value of scholarships awarded will be based on the merit of the applications.
- Award History:
 - 2016 – (1) \$2500 award (1) \$2000 award (1) \$1500 award (2) \$1000 awards
 - 2015 – (2) \$2,500 awards (1) \$1,000 award
 - 2014 – (2) \$2,500 awards (2) \$1,250 awards

Terms and Important Dates

- Awards will be paid directly to the student.
- PFLAG website will be open to receive applications beginning Sunday, January 15, 2017.
- Application and essay must be received by PFLAG via email by Friday, May 12, 2017.
- Letter of recommendation must be received via US mail and postmarked by May 10, 2017.
- Decision to be announced by Friday, May 19, 2017. Recipients will be notified by email.
- Recipients will be asked to attend the Wednesday, June 21, 2017 South OC PFLAG meeting in South Orange County to accept their awards personally. Attendance at award ceremony is not mandatory for receiving award.

Instructions

1. Complete the application provided by school or available on the South Orange County PFLAG website: www.pflagsouthoc.com. Application and essay must be submitted electronically, by May 12th, 2017 to socpflagscholarship@gmail.com.
2. A letter of recommendation must be mailed via US mail directly from one of the following: teacher or professor, an official from a recognized Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersex, Ally (LGBTQIA) organization, coach, counselor, or work supervisor. Follow instructions for recommendation submission, must be postmarked by May 10th, 2017.
3. Please provide a current copy of your (or parent's) driver's license, state ID card or utility bill to prove residency.
4. Submit your most recent unofficial transcript.
5. How did you learn about this scholarship?

PFLAG South Orange County Scholarship Letter of Recommendation Instructions

Please request that the individual writing your recommendation include the following information along with signed letter of recommendation and mail to: PFLAG South Orange County, Attn: Scholarship Committee, P.O. Box 2808, Laguna Hills, CA 92654. (Note, emailed recommendations will not be considered.)

Letters must be postmarked by May 10th, 2017.

Name of student:

Name of Individual writing recommendation:

Address:

Email:

Phone:

Relationship to student:

How long have you known this student?

Is the student able to set goals and pursue them to completion?

Why would this person be a good recipient of a PFLAG scholarship?

PFLAG South Orange County Scholarship - 2017
Application Form

1. Name:
2. Address:
3. Telephone Number:
4. Email Address:
5. High School Attended (include city and state):
6. If you are presently attending college or a place of continuing higher education please provide the following (then skip to question 9) :
 - Name of Institution:
 - Term Completed:
 - Date(s) Attended:
 - Major Field of Study:
7. If you have applied to one or more schools please list them separately and provide:
 - Name of Institution(s):
 - Intended Major/Field of Study:
8. Have you been accepted by a college or place of continuing education for fall, 2017?
If so, please list school(s):
9. List any honors, recognitions or awards for skills or leadership at school or in the community that you have received.
10. Please list any extra-curricular activities in school or in the community that you have been involved with since entering high school.
11. Are you, or is anyone you know, affiliated with PFLAG of South Orange County? If yes, please identify.
12. Please complete an essay on separate pages addressing one of the following questions. Identify which question you are addressing:
 1. We are sometimes inspired to take action or to take different paths than we might have otherwise done. Tell us about someone in the LGBTQIA community who inspired you to action, and what action(s) did you take.
 2. Discuss your personal experience and/or understanding of the complex challenges faced by the LGBTQIA community as they apply to the connection/intersection of identity such as race, ethnicity, class, religion, gender identity, and sexual orientation. What have you done (or plan to do) to further the understanding and/or to alleviate marginalization/oppression as it relates to these identities?

**2017 PFLAG South Orange County
Scholarship Photo Release Form**

I grant to PFLAG South Orange County and its representatives the right to take photographs of me in connection with receiving a 2017 South Orange County PFLAG Scholarship. I authorize PFLAG South Orange County to use and publish the same in print and /or electronically.

I agree that PFLAG South Orange County may use such photographs of me with our with my mane and for any lawful purpose, including for example: to publicize or promote the PFLAG South Orange County Scholarship in press releases to newspapers or other publications, in the organization's websites, Facebook page, Twitter feed, or other printed materials or online social media.

I understand that I do not need to attend the June 21, 2017 South OC PFLAG meeting in South Orange County to accept my award personally, and that attendance at award ceremony or being photographed is not mandatory for receiving award.

I have read and understood the above.

Signature _____

Printed Name _____

Address _____

Date _____

Signature of parent or guardian (if under 18) _____

Printed Name of parent/guardian (if under 18) _____