2024 PFLAG Georgetown College Scholarship

Empowering LGBTQ+ Voices: Community Involvement and Advocacy

PFLAG Georgetown is dedicated to supporting LGBTQ+ individuals and their allies. We recognize the significance of LGBTQ+ community involvement and advocacy in creating a more inclusive and accepting society. We are thus happy to announce that outstanding graduating high school students attending high school in or residing in Georgetown, TX are invited to apply for a $750 scholarship to attend a two-year or four-year college or a business/technical school in the fall. Up to two scholarships will be awarded to students of any gender identity or sexual orientation whose history, activities, and personal plans demonstrate support for justice and equality for the LGBTQ+ community.

Funding for these scholarships is generously provided in coordination with the Wellspring United Methodist Church of Georgetown, TX.

The deadline for submission by email to pflaggtx@gmail.com is April 20, 2024. Winners will be notified in early-May and will be celebrated at our monthly support group meeting on Thursday, May 16th at 7:30pm at the Georgetown Public Library.

Application Details: PFLAG Georgetown acknowledges that there are as many ways of presenting one’s story as there are students interested in doing so. In recognition of this, applicants are encouraged to share their unique stories, experiences, and aspirations through the medium of their choice. Examples might include an essay, a video presentation, an art project, or an alternative writing submission, to name a few. Submissions, should address the following prompt:

In today’s world, LGBTQ+ community involvement and advocacy are essential in fostering understanding, acceptance, and equality. Please reflect on your personal journey as an LGBTQ+ individual and your commitment to community involvement and advocacy.

For an essay, address one of the following statements, limiting your response to between 300 and 500 words.

1. Share your personal experiences as an LGBTQ+ individual, including the challenges and triumphs you have faced within the LGBTQ+ community.

2. Discuss the role of community involvement in your life and how it has shaped your journey. Share specific initiatives, projects, or experiences where you have actively participated in the LGBTQ+ community.
3. Describe your commitment to LGBTQ+ advocacy. Explain how you have worked to advance LGBTQ+ rights and inclusion, and your vision for the future of the LGBTQ+ community.

4. Share your long-term goals and aspirations, both personally and within the context of LGBTQ+ advocacy. How do you plan to use your involvement and advocacy to make a lasting impact on the LGBTQ+ community and society as a whole?

For a video presentation, submittals should be no more than 5 minutes. Share your personal experiences as an LGBTQ+ individual, your involvement in the LGBTQ+ community, and your commitment to LGBTQ+ advocacy. Express your vision for the future.

For an art project, create something that reflects your personal journey as an LGBTQ+ individual and your commitment to community involvement and advocacy within the LGBTQ+ community. Include a brief written description (maximum length: 250 words) explaining the symbolism and inspiration behind your art.

For an alternative writing submission, such as poetry, a personal letter, or any other written format, address one of the same points as the essay prompt, and the word count should not exceed 500 words.

**Formatting and Submission pflaggtx@gmail.com:**

- Essays should be typed in 12-point Times New Roman font, double-spaced, and submitted in PDF format and shared with the scholarship committee by sharing with pflaggtx@gmail.com.

- Video presentations should be uploaded to Google Drive and shared with the scholarship committee by sharing with pflaggtx@gmail.com.

- Art projects should be photographed or scanned and submitted in PDF format along with the written description and shared with the scholarship committee by sharing with pflaggtx@gmail.com.

- Alternative writing submissions should also be submitted in PDF format and shared with the scholarship committee by sharing with pflaggtx@gmail.com.

- Please include your name and contact information at the top of your submission.

**Evaluation Criteria:**

The scholarship committee will evaluate submissions based on the following criteria:
- Clarity and articulation of thoughts (for essays and alternative writing submissions).

- Creativity and depth of personal reflection (for art projects and alternative writing submissions).

- Demonstrated commitment to LGBTQ+ community involvement and advocacy.

- Alignment with the scholarship's mission and values.

- Quality of the presentation or submission, including technical quality (for videos).

We look forward to receiving your essays, video presentations, art projects, or alternative writing submissions and learning more about your unique experiences, aspirations, and dedication to LGBTQ+ community involvement and advocacy. Thank you for participating in the PFLAG Georgetown application process, and we wish you the best of luck!