



2018 SCHOLARSHIP INSTRUCTIONS

Due February 28, 2018

DESCRIPTION

\$500 scholarships are offered to LGBTQ and Straight Allies youth by PFLAG Sedona/Verde Valley.

PURPOSE OF AWARD

- To recognize outstanding lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer (LGBTQ) and straight allied youth.
- To encourage continuing education for self-identified LGBTQ youth.
- To foster a positive image of LGBTQ people in society.

ELIGIBILITY & TERMS

- Priority is given to LGBTQ youth, however LGBTQ students up to the age of 30 are eligible to apply.
- Priority will be given to first time recipients. Past recipients who have received *only one* PFLAG Sedona/Verde Valley scholarship are eligible for consideration for a second award (i.e. you are not eligible if you have received it twice).
- Must attend a post-secondary educational institution within one year (this can include universities, colleges, community colleges, technical institutes, etc.) of receiving the award.
- Must be a resident of the Verde Valley area of Arizona
- Must submit an application (*in full, following all directions*) with required supporting materials by the application deadline.
- Awards will be paid by check jointly to the student and the institution and may only be used for education expenses (i.e. course registration fees, lab fees, books, university housing, etc).

CRITERIA FOR AWARDING SCHOLARSHIPS

- Identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender or straight ally.
- Demonstration of integrity and honesty.
- Determination and potential to achieve goals.
- Participation in community activities.

REQUIREMENTS & DETAILS

• **Applications will be considered only if the ALL of the following is received electronically (or postmarked) by February 28, 2018:**

1. Completed Application — typed and e-signed (*SAVE AS: "LastName_FirstName_App*)
2. Your most recent transcripts (unofficial is acceptable) (*SAVE AS: LastName_FirstName_Transcripts*)
3. Recommendation letter (letter should be sent directly to us by your reference)
4. Submit one of these two ways:
 - **Email (preferred) – pflagsedonascholarship@gmail.com**
 - Mail – Attn: Scholarship, PFLAG Sedona/Verde Valley, PO Box 20033, Sedona, AZ 86341

IMPORTANT DATES

- **APPLICATION DUE DATE: February 28, 2018**
- **DECISIONS ANNOUNCED: April 14, 2018**
- **SCHOLARSHIP AWARD Presentation: May 14, 2018**

Frequently Asked Questions

1. Is it better to email my application in, or send it via US Mail?

Either is acceptable, however email is preferred.

2. How should I save my electronic app to be emailed in?

Please save all of your application components as "LAST NAME_FIRST NAME_DOC TITLE". For example, Jane Smith would save documents as: Smith_Jane_APP; Smith_Jane_Transcript, etc.

3. Should my letter of reference be sent separately or with my application?

Reference letters are usually best sent separately by your reference. Either email or US Mail is acceptable, though email is preferred when possible. We encourage you to follow up and confirm that your reference did indeed submit their letter of reference by the due date.

4. Do my transcripts need to be official? Also, what if it has "copy" printed across it when I scan it??

Unofficial transcripts are just fine; it is also fine when "copy" is printed across it when scanned.

5. I am having trouble with formatting of the cover page. What should I do?

Do the best you can...you can hand write (VERY NEATLY!) the cover page if needed, or you can type it out on a separate page. All answers to the narrative application questions MUST be typed.

6. I have submitted an application in the past. May I reapply?

You are eligible to receive a PFLAG Sedona/Verde Valley scholarship a total of TWO times. So if you have received it only once, yes, you may reapply. After you have received two scholarships, you are no longer eligible to apply.

7. Am I eligible for the scholarship if I don't live in Sedona?

Yes, you are eligible for the scholarship as long as you are a resident of the Verde Valley area in Arizona. If you are studying at a university outside of Arizona, you can still apply as long as you are considered an Arizona resident. If you are originally from out of state, but are studying here in AZ, **AND** are considered an AZ resident now, you may also apply.

For more information, e-mail us at pflagsedonascholarship@gmail.com