

Central Maryland PFLAG Scholarship Information

Purpose:

- To recognize outstanding gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgendered (LGBT) and straight ally students
- To encourage the pursuit of post-secondary education for self-identified LGBT and straight allies
- To foster a positive image of LGBT young adults in society

Scholarship Offered:

- Central Maryland PFLAG Scholarship for Outstanding LGBT Youth and Their Straight Allies
- Amount of Scholarship: \$500.00; the committee is authorized to award up to two scholarships annually.

Eligibility:

- Self identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgendered (LGBT) or as a straight ally (i.e., and individual who demonstrates outstanding support directly to LGBT youth and supports equality for all)
- A resident of the state of Maryland.
- Currently attending or planning to attend a post-secondary educational institution during the upcoming academic year
- Must complete a Central Maryland PFLAG Scholarship application in its entirety including all required supplemental forms
- Cannot be receiving full tuition remission from other sources to fund the education (e.g., other full-tuition scholarships, established college trust fund, etc.)
- Cannot be a prior recipient of the Central Maryland PFLAG Scholarship

Deadline and Terms of Award:

- The **completed** application must be submitted by **JUNE 1st** of the year they are applying and mailed to:

Central Maryland PFLAG
Attention: Lois Jarman
1606 New York Avenue Knoxville, MD 21758

Forms can be obtained by emailing loisjarman@aol.com.
(Incomplete applications will not be considered.)

- The Scholarship Selection Committee will review all applications at once and make their final decision during the first two weeks of June. All decisions will be sent out in the mail shortly after. The scholarship recipient will be publicly announced during the annual Frederick Pride in June.
- Identity disclosure will be required as the Scholarship recipient will be announced in various press releases and other print or online media.
- Scholarship recipient is responsible for providing Central Maryland PFLAG with a copy of the acceptance letter for the intended post-secondary institution they will be attending.

Application and Supplemental Materials:

- General application form
- PFLAG Scholarship Questionnaire
- Two sealed letters of recommendation (with at least one from a teacher/professor and one from an individual in the community)
- Academic transcripts (unofficial copies)

****All information is confidential and will only be shared with scholarship committee****

*Central Maryland PFLAG
Scholarship 2017*

Scholarship Application

(Please **type** or **print**)

Attach additional sheets, if necessary

Applicant Information:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Academic Information:

High School/College or University attending:

List and explain school clubs or Extracurricular Activities: _____

Work Information:

List any previous volunteer or paid positions you have had: _____

Central Maryland PFLAG SCHOLARSHIP QUESTIONNAIRE

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT YOUR RESPONSES (MAX 500 WORDS PER QUESTION)

1. What do you do to support the LGBT community? Why is this important to you?

ANSWER 2 OF THE FOLLOWING 3 QUESTIONS:

2. How will you continue to promote LGBT equality while attending your college/university?
3. How would you influence people outside the LGBT community to be more supportive?
4. Aside from LGBT causes, what other ways have you demonstrated your commitment to diversity?

By signing the document below I attest to the accuracy of the information provided in this application.

Signature of Applicant: _____ **Date:** _____

RECOMMENDATION FORM COVER SHEET

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Please **type** or **print** the following information:

Name of Applicant: _____
Name of Recommender: _____
Place of Employment: _____
Job Title: _____
Address: _____

Central Maryland PFLAG Mission Statement:

To promote the health and well-being of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered persons, their families and friends through:

- **SUPPORT** - to cope with an adverse society
- **EDUCATION** - to enlighten an ill-informed public
- **ADVOCACY** - to end discrimination and to secure equal civil rights

Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays provides opportunity for dialogue about sexual orientation and gender identity, and acts to create a society that is healthy and respectful of human diversity.

Please respond to the following questions as they pertain to the applicant.

- To what extent is your relationship with the applicant and how long have you known them?
- Why do you think that the applicant should be considered for the Central Maryland PFLAG Academic Scholarship? Please describe any knowledge you might have regarding the applicant's commitment and dedication to lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgendered issues, or to diversity issues in general. Additionally, any information regarding the applicant's community service and academic achievement would be appreciated.

Please attach this cover sheet to your typed recommendation letter and place them into a sealed envelope with your signature across the back of the envelope.

Return your recommendation in its sealed envelope to the applicant **before June 1st**, as she/he is required to include it in their entire application packet.

Thank you for taking the time to help Central Maryland PFLAG offer educational assistance to a qualified student who has an appreciation and commitment to lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgendered issues and the inclusion of equality for individuals.

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