



SPARTANBURG EQUALITY SCHOLARSHIP

STUDENT LETTER

August 31, 2019

Dear High School Senior/Continuing Student:

On behalf of the Spartanburg, SC chapter of PFLAG, we are pleased to offer two scholarships to be awarded to seniors graduating this academic school year of 2019-2020 who will be furthering their education or current students who are continuing their education. Each scholarship will be \$1,000.00.

While parental support and consent is desirable when applying to the Spartanburg Equality Scholarship Program, it is **not** a requirement. Consideration is given to all students.

The scholarships are available to **Spartanburg County residents** who are graduating high school seniors and current undergrad students who are continuing their education. Other requirements are set forth in the enclosed materials. Application packets should be mailed to the following address postmarked no later than May 1, 2020.

PFLAG Spartanburg
Attn: Scholarship Committee
P.O. Box 7056
Spartanburg, SC 29304

It is important to complete and submit a well-thought out application paying attention to details that are required. Please feel free to contact us should you need clarification or assistance.

Warmest Regards,

Deb Foreman
President, PFLAG Spartanburg
pflagspartanburg.org



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APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

The Spartanburg, SC chapter of PFLAG is pleased to offer two scholarships to **Spartanburg County residents** who are graduating high school seniors and college students who are continuing their education. The scholarships are \$1,000.00 each. Each applicant may be awarded only one scholarship.

While parental support and consent is desirable when applying to the Spartanburg Equality Scholarship Program, it is **not** a requirement. Consideration is given to all students.

To be eligible for these funds, you must meet the following requirements:

1. Are a **Spartanburg County resident** who is either a graduating high school senior entering an institute of higher education this fall or a current student continuing in a higher education program.
2. Identify as an LGBTQ+ student or a straight ally demonstrating an interest in service to and/or support of the LGBTQ+ community.
3. Have a minimum GPA of 3.0.
4. Have been accepted by a verifiable secondary educational institution (i.e. 4-year college, community college, or vocational school)

You must provide the following documents:

- Completed Spartanburg Equality Scholarship Application Form which includes:
 - Demographics and identity
 - Academic honors, recognition
 - School clubs and extra-curricular activities
 - Community service, clubs, activities and volunteering
 - Who your inspiration is and why
 - Schools to which you've applied, where you will be attending/continuing and why
 - How you think you can further the work you've done thus far
- Unofficial copy of your high school/college transcript including minimum GPA of 3.0
- One letter of recommendation from a teacher, counselor, pastor, employer, or community leader. The letter must be from someone other than a relative.
- An essay (no less than 500 words) discussing either your life as an LGBTQ+ student or how you have been involved with and supported the LGBTQ+ community. In this essay you should discuss how you have demonstrated leadership and support of the LGBTQ+ community.

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Candidates will be notified of the outcome of their application by June 1, 2020. The check for the scholarship will be mailed directly to the University/College that you will be attending.



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APPLICANT'S COMMUNITY SERVICE, EMPLOYMENT, AND INSPIRATION

Describe community service activities with which you've been involved. Please include activities in which you played a leadership role.

Please describe how you can continue community service or leadership in the future.

What jobs, if any, have you held? Please list both volunteer and paid positions as appropriate:

Employer's Name	Job Title/Role	Dates of Employment

Using at least 50 words, please describe who inspires you and why. You may use an additional sheet, if necessary.



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COLLEGE/CONTINUED EDUCATION INFORMATION	
Please list the schools to which you have applied/attend:	
Please list schools to which you have been accepted:	
Which school do you plan to attend?	
Please detail why you selected this school?	

CERTIFICATION AND SIGNATURE(S)	
All information provided on this form is true and complete to the best of my knowledge:	
Signature of applicant:	Date:
If you wish, you may ask your parent or guardian to sign your scholarship application. Parent/Guardian signature is desirable but not required	
Signature of parent(s) or guardian(s) and date:	Date:

Along with this completed application, please submit your unofficial high school transcript, essay, and a letter of recommendation. See the application instructions for complete requirement details.

How did you hear about the PFLAG Spartanburg Equality Scholarship Program?	<input type="checkbox"/> PFLAG Spartanburg Website <input type="checkbox"/> PFLAG Spartanburg Facebook page <input type="checkbox"/> School Guidance Counselor <input type="checkbox"/> Other LGBT Resource <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify _____)
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RELEASE FORM

Please complete this form and return it with your application. Please be assured that whether you grant or deny these permissions it does **NOT** affect the outcome of your application. This is an administrative form that is not sent out to reviewers.

On this date _____, I make the following five (5) statements of my own free will.

I grant / do not grant permission to PFLAG Spartanburg to approach my high school principal regarding recognition of my scholarship award at the school's scholarship awards program.

I grant / do not grant permission to PFLAG Spartanburg to publish an announcement of my scholarship award in the local news media.

I grant / do not grant permission to PFLAG Spartanburg to release information about my scholarship award to PFLAG National.

I grant / do not grant permission to PFLAG Spartanburg to use my photograph in their publicity releases about my scholarship award.

I grant / do not grant permission to PFLAG Spartanburg to use my scholarship essay in an anthology of stories to be compiled for publication.

Signature: _____ Print Name: _____



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SCHOLARSHIP REFERENCE FORM

PFLAG is a national non-profit organization with over 200,000 members and supporters, as well as over 500 affiliates in the United States. PFLAG Spartanburg chapter is pleased to offer a scholarship program to graduating high school seniors and continuing college students.

_____ is applying for one of two (2) PFLAG Spartanburg scholarships and asks that you provide a reference for his/her application.

To assist the scholarship committee with this student's application, would you please complete the following? Please give the completed information to the student to submit with his/her application. The student's application package must be submitted to PFLAG Spartanburg postmarked no later than May 1, 2020. The scholarship committee appreciates and thanks you for your willingness to reflect on the applicant and provide your thoughts.

REFERENCE'S INFORMATION	
Name:	
Address: Street, City, State, Zip	

APPLICANT'S GENERAL INFORMATION
<p>To assist the scholarship committee in knowing the student as you do, please provide the following information regarding the scholarship applicant: (Please use a separate sheet of paper)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> How do you know the student?<input type="checkbox"/> How did you meet the student?<input type="checkbox"/> How often do you interact with the student?<input type="checkbox"/> How do you see the student demonstrate leadership traits? Please share specific actions and behaviors.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Deb Foreman, President of PFLAG Spartanburg at debf@pflagspartanburg.com