

2023-2024

PFLAG Buffalo/Niagara

Parents, Families, Friends, and Allies United with LGBTQIA+ People



The Elizabeth 'Babs' Conant Memorial Scholarship

The Marvin L. Henschbarger Scholarship

The Mary L. Hewitt Memorial Scholarship

A PFLAG Buffalo/Niagara Scholarship Application may be downloaded at www.pflagbuffalo.org.

For questions relating to the scholarship or the process, please contact info@pflagbuffalo.org.

We will only be reviewing hard copy applications. Please mail your application to PFLAG Buffalo/Niagara PO Box 617 Buffalo NY 14207.

Applications must be received at the above P.O. box BEFORE May 1st.

Applications received on or after May 1st will be disposed of unopened in a secure manner.

PURPOSE

- To recognize LGBTQIA+ and straight ally students in Western New York
- To encourage continuing education, activism, and support for LGBTQIA+ persons and community
- To foster a positive image of LGBTQIA+ young people

ELIGIBILITY

- Applicant must be a graduating senior from a WNY high school.
- Applicant must be a self-identified LGBTQIA+ student or a straight ally.
- Applicant must have been accepted to an accredited post-secondary educational institution or career-training program approved by voting committee.

TERMS

- Two scholarships are \$500.00 each. This year, the Elizabeth "Babs" Conant Memorial Scholarship will be \$600.00. The scholarship committee will decide which of the three recipients will receive the \$600.00 scholarship.
- Scholarship funds will be paid directly to the institutions of the recipients.
- The award must be used within one year of graduation.
- Application information will be kept confidential unless permission has been otherwise given.
- Application must be received BEFORE May 1st at PFLAG Buffalo/Niagara's P.O. box.
- Applications must include personal information form, essay, and reference.
- Winners of the awards will be notified before or at graduation.

CRITERIA FOR CONSIDERATION

- Affirmation of LGBTQIA+ identity or straight ally support
- Participation in events and activities supporting the LGBTQIA+ community
- Specific details of past and/or current commitment to LGBTQ+ and specific details of future support
- Demonstration of integrity and honesty
- Determination to achieve personal and academic goals
- Supporting references which reference and reinforce LGBTQIA+ support are optimal
- Grammar, spelling, structure, and neatness of application will be considered.

Personal Information

1. Please print or type clearly.
2. Add/Attach additional sheets if needed.

First and Last Name

Street Address

City and Zip Code

Phone number

Email Address

Educational Institution Attending in September

Career Goals

Extra-Curricular Activities

Honors/Awards

SUPPORTING MATERIALS

1. Write a well-constructed personal essay addressing:

**Personal journey as an LGBTQIA+ person or ally
Past and current support of LGBTQIA+ persons and/or community
Specific plans for future support of the LGBTQIA+ community**

2. Include a recommendation from a faculty member. References addressing applicant's LGBTQIA+ support are optimal.

If you are selected as a scholarship recipient, may we have your permission to use your first name and/or school in PFLAG Buffalo/Niagara's newsletter? If you choose not to have any information shared, this will not affect your application in any way.

May PFLAG Buffalo/Niagara use in its newsletter:

First Name	Yes	No
High School	Yes	No

I certify that all information in this submission is accurate.

Printed Name	Signature	Date
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Printed Name	Parent or Guardian Signature	Date
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If parent signature is not possible or advised, please have school counselor attach a note.