

2023

PFLAG Buffalo/Niagara

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



The Elizabeth 'Babs' Conant Scholarship The Marvin L. Henschbarger Scholarship The Mary L. Hewitt 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

Please write "Scholarships" in subject line to ensure submission is routed to the Scholarship Committee.

**Email submission to info@pflagbuffalo.org or mail to PFLAG Buffalo/Niagara P.O. Box 617
Buffalo NY 14207**

PURPOSE

- To recognize gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, and straight ally students Western New York
- To encourage continuing education, activism, and support for self-identified LGBTQ+ students
- To foster a positive image of LGBTQ+ young people in society

ELIGIBILITY

- Must be a graduating senior from a WNY high school
- Must be a self-identified LGBTQ+ student or straight ally
- Must be accepted to an accredited post-secondary educational institution
- Must submit a completed PFLAG Buffalo/Niagara Personal Information Form and include all supporting materials (reference letter and essay as described herein)
- Application submission must be received before May 1st

- **TERMS**

- Scholarship funds will be paid directly to institution
- The award must be used within one year of its receipt
- All information submitted to PFLAG Buffalo/Niagara will be strictly confidential and not shared outside of the Scholarship Committee unless permission has been given

DEADLINE

- A completed submission must be received before May 1st.
- The Scholarship Committee will make selections by June 14th. The students selected will be notified before or at graduation
- Two scholarships of \$500.00 will be awarded. The Elizabeth "Babs" Conant Scholarship, for this year only, will be a \$650.00 award. The committee will decide winners of the three and also will decide which winner will be granted the Elizabeth "Babs" Conant Scholarship. Decisions made are final.

CRITERIA FOR JUDGING ALL PARTS OF SUBMISSION

- Affirmation of one's LGBTQ+ identity or of straight ally's support
- Demonstration of integrity and honesty
- Participation in events supporting the LGBTQ+ community
- Commitment to LGBTQ+ support in the future
- Determination to achieve personal and academic goals

Personal Information Form

1. Please print or type clearly.
2. All items must be completed fully unless otherwise indicated.
3. Add additional sheets if needed to complete this form.

First and Last Name

Street Address

City and Zip Code

Phone number (optional)

Email Address

Educational Institution Attending in September

Career Goals

Extra-Curricular Activities

Honors/Awards

**SUPPORTING MATERIALS
(REQUIRED)**

- 1. Written recommendation(s) from a faculty member from school most recently attended. This must include faculty member's name and contact information.**

And

- 2. Essay sharing past and current support of LGBTQ+ persons and/or community as well explaining how you plan to support the LGBTQ+ community and society in the future as you continue PFLAG's mission of support, education, and advocacy.**

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 review in any way.

May PFLAG Buffalo/Niagara use in its newsletter:

First Name	Yes	No
High School	Yes	No

I certify that the above information and all information in this submission is accurate.

Printed Name

Signature

Date

Printed Name

Parent or Guardian Signature

Date

If for some reason this parent signature is not possible or advised, please have guidance counselor attach a note.