

PFLAG Buffalo/Niagara

Parents, Families, Friends and Allies United with LGBTQ People

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**The Sharing Meeting has been adjusted for Easter.
We will meet at 2:30-4:30 on Sunday, April 28th.**

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Generally, monthly sharing meetings are held at **Kenilworth United Church of Christ, 45 Dalton Drive, Tonawanda 14223**, from 2:30 - 4:30. Newcomers and anyone interested will be offered the option of meeting privately with a PFLAG parent. Our monthly meetings are in the library, which is near the parking lot entrance. The facility is handicapped accessible. **New Parents Meetings** are scheduled as needed at a location convenient to those involved. These self-help one on one sessions are available to those who request a meeting outside of the monthly sharing meeting.

We meet because we have learned that someone very close to us is Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, or Transgender. We try to help one another deal with this information in a positive manner. Although we do not agree at all times, we try to be understanding. We offer help to those who seek it, but do not force ourselves on others. We strive to maintain anonymity while sharing on a level that is comfortable for all of us.

PFLAG News and Updates

Please pass on this newsletter and its enclosed application for 2 scholarships that PFLAG Buffalo/Niagara awards to graduating HS seniors. Details in the application that follows.



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2019

Marvin L. Henschbarger Scholarship

and

Mary L. Hewitt Scholarship

PURPOSE:

- To recognize outstanding **gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender** (GLBT) and **straight ally** students throughout Western New York.
- To encourage continuing education for self-identified GLBT and straight ally students.
- To foster a positive image of GLBT young people in society.

SCHOLARSHIPS OFFERED FOR 2019:

- The **PFLAG Buffalo/Niagara Scholarships** consists of **two \$500 scholarships** funded and awarded by PFLAG Buffalo/Niagara.

ELIGIBILITY:

- Must be a graduating high school student from a WNY high school.
- Must be a self-identified gay, lesbian, bisexual, or transgender (LGBTQ) youth, or a straight ally (i.e., a heterosexual youth who demonstrates outstanding direct support to LGBTQ youth and/or the LGBTQ community).
- Must be accepted to an accredited post-secondary educational institution.
- Must be a resident of the state of New York at the time of scholarship application.
- Must submit a completed PFLAG Buffalo/Niagara Scholarship Application form along with required supporting materials by the official application submission deadline stated herein.

TERMS:

- Cash awards will be paid directly to the institution.
- The award must be used within one year of receipt.
- All information submitted to PFLAG Buffalo/Niagara will be strictly confidential and will not be shared outside the Scholarship Selection Committee unless permission is otherwise granted.

DEADLINE & AWARD:

- A completed PFLAG Buffalo/Niagara Scholarship Application Form must be post submitted along with required supporting materials and postmarked Saturday, June 1st. 2019. Completed application form and supporting materials must be emailed info@pflagbuffalo.org. They can also be mailed to:

PFLAG Buffalo/Niagara
P.O. Box 617
Buffalo, NY 14207

PFLAG Buffalo/Niagara is not responsible for lost or misdirected email or mail. You may email PFLAG if you want verification that your application was received in time.

The Scholarship Selection Committee will review all applications and make its selections by June 14th, then the 2 seniors selected as recipients will be notified via the method requested on their Scholarship Application Form on or before graduation . The decisions by the Scholarship Selection Committee are final.

- PFLAG Buffalo/Niagara will award **two** \$500 scholarships, one to each of the two selected students.

CRITERIA FOR JUDGING APPLICATIONS:

- Affirmation of one's gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgender identity, or straight ally giving support.
- Demonstration of integrity and honesty.
- Demonstration of a commitment to PFLAG Buffalo/Niagara's mission of advancing equality through support, advocacy and education.
- Participation and leadership in community activities.
- Determination and potential to achieve personal and academic goals.

APPLICATION

A PFLAG Buffalo/Niagara Scholarship Application Form, if not attached to this document, may be obtained by downloading the Scholarship Application Packet (which includes the Scholarship Application Form) from our website, <http://www.pflagbuffalo.org/Scholarship>

QUESTIONS

- For questions regarding the PFLAG Buffalo/Niagara Scholarship, please email us at info@pflagbuffalo.org. Please specify "Question(s) about PFLAG Buffalo/Niagara Scholarship" in the subject line to ensure email is routed to our Scholarship Committee.



PFLAG Buffalo/Niagara

Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays

Instructions:

1. PRINT (or TYPE) all requested information CLEARLY.
2. All items must be completed fully unless otherwise indicated.
3. Attach additional sheets, if needed, to answer fully the information requested below.

All submitted information will be kept confidential.

First & Last Name:	Date of Birth:
Street Address:	High School Attended:
City/State/Zip Code:	Month & Year of High School Graduation:
Phone Number (if we may call):	Educational Institution I Plan To Attend:
Email Address:	Major:
Career Goal:	
List Awards/Honors:	
List Extracurricular Activities:	

Required Attachments:

1. **Written recommendation(s) from a faculty member from the school you most recently attended (must include name, contact phone number and/or email address of that person).**
2. **A brief essay discussing your personal achievements and experiences as a LGBT or LGBT-supportive individual and how the LGBT community, PFLAG Buffalo/Niagara and our general society will be enriched by you receiving our scholarship** Optional Attachment(s):
 1. **Written recommendation(s) from a person who knows of your community involvement (must include name, contact phone number and/or email address of that person).**

**** If selected as a recipient of the PFLAG scholarship, I hereby give PFLAG Buffalo- Niagara permission to publish my first name, school, and quotations from essay in its newsletter, Facebook page and/or website.**

You do NOT have to authorized above permissions to be considered for this and it in no way will affect the voting process.

Signature of parent or guardian

_____ Print name _____

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