



PFLAG NORMAN SCHOLARSHIP - 2010

GUIDELINES AND APPLICATION FORM

Please print or type your responses.

You may mail or email your complete application packet.

Mail:

PFLAG Norman Scholarship, Selection Committee,

P. O. Box 721692, Norman, OK 73070.

Email: kathy.moxley@ou.edu

Application must be received by April 1, 2010 to be considered.

What is the PFLAG Norman (Parents, Families, and Friends of Lesbians and Gays) Scholarship?

The PFLAG Norman Scholarship is a \$1,000 scholarship presented to an outstanding Norman Public School graduating senior who is an active participant of a Gay Straight Alliance (GSA) and whose goal it is to attend college or another educational institution. This scholarship will be presented to the recipient at either the Norman High School or the Norman North High School Awards Ceremony in May.

Who is eligible for the scholarship?

Any current Norman Public School graduating senior is eligible if he or she meets these qualifications:

- Is an active participant of a Gay Straight Alliance
- Plans to continue his or her education/training beyond high school in any institution of higher education or other educational institution.

What criteria are used in reviewing/judging/selection of recipient?

Criteria for selection will include academic record, leadership qualities and experience, essay content quality, and letters of recommendation. Only complete application forms will be considered. Letters of recommendation must be from high school teachers,

counselors, or GSA sponsors who are familiar with the applicant's scholastic, extracurricular achievements, and participation in the GSA.

How will the recipient be selected?

The scholarship recipient will be selected by a committee comprised of *PFLAG Norman* board members and community members. Decisions will be based on information provided in the application.

What is the deadline for submitting an application?

The complete application form (all information, references requested on the application form, including letters of recommendation and essay) must be mailed to PFLAG Norman Scholarship Committee, P. O. Box 721692, Norman, OK 73070. or emailed to kathy.moxley@ou.edu. Complete packets must be received by *April 1, 2010*.

What comprises a "complete" application?

The applicant must include the following in order for the application to be considered. Incomplete application forms will not be considered:

1. completed and signed application form
2. essay
3. unofficial high school transcript
4. ACT and SAT scores
5. two letters of recommendation from high school teachers, counselors or GSA sponsors who are familiar with the applicants' academic record and participation in the GSA. *One letter must be from the GSA sponsor.*

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I. Applicant's General Information:

(First Name) (Middle Name) (Last Name)

(Mailing Address, including Zip Code)

(Phone Number and Email Address)

Parent(s) or Guardians(s): _____

Are you a Norman Public School graduating senior? Yes ____ No ____

Are you an active participant of a GSA? Yes ____ No ____

II. Applicant's Academic Status and High School Information:

Name of High School: _____

Address of High School: _____

Name of Principal: _____ Phone: _____

III. Academic Leadership and Honors Information:

*Please list all school leadership activities and honors received in grades 9-12.
(Attach additional paper if necessary).*

VIII. Essay

*Respond to one of the following topics in essay form of no more than 500 words.
Please respond on separate paper.*

- **SPECIAL TALENTS.** Describe the special skills, aptitudes, expertise or abilities you possess. Give specific examples of your special talents and how you have shown them in your personal, community or academic life.
- **LEADERSHIP.** Describe your ability to guide, inspire, direct or set examples for others and demonstrate how you've accomplished these in your personal, community or academic life. Use examples that show continuing leadership, not just a brief, one-time-only experience.
- **OBSTACLES OVERCOME.** Describe a situation(s) where you've achieved a goal despite problems or challenges that required your courage, self-reliance and determination. These challenges may have been economic, emotional, physical, or geographic. Give examples and discuss both the obstacle and how you overcame it.

IX. CERTIFICATION AND SIGNATURES:

All the information provided on this form is true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Signature of Applicant _____

Signature of Recommender _____

Signature of Recommender _____

Signature of Parent(s) or Guardian(s) _____