



The Jes Sellers PFLAG Cleveland Scholarship

Purpose

The purpose of the Jes Sellers PFLAG Cleveland Scholarship is to provide recognition and financial assistance to outstanding students.

Qualifications / Eligibility

Applicants qualifying for this award shall be enrolled graduate, undergraduate, institute or community college students or high school graduates admitted to an institution of higher education (as noted above) and who can demonstrate:

1. An exceptional interest and support in the mission of PFLAG by advancing equality for LGBTQ individuals through support, education and/or advocacy
2. Participation in school or community activities which promote diversity and positive institutional change
3. Enrolled or admitted as a student in good academic standing with their institution

Any eligible candidate with a relationship to the LGBTQ+ community is invited to apply; this means LGBTQ-identified, ally, or family and/or friend of LGBTQ-individuals in our community.

Term and Amount of Award

Each scholarship shall be awarded for one academic year. The amount of the award will vary annually contingent on the available funds dedicated to it from the PFLAG Cleveland Advisory Board. The Board may elect not to offer the award in any given year or may award more than one award in one year – at their discretion. Prior recipients may reapply for the award, but will not be eligible to receive the award more than twice.

The scholarship sub-committee of the PFLAG Cleveland Advisory Board may, at its discretion, choose to give the award directly to the student or to the student's office of financial aid at the institution in which the student is enrolled.

Selection Procedure

Enrolled students (as noted above – IHE - university, college, community college or institute) or high school graduating seniors admitted to an IHE who meet the criteria will gain full consideration.

Applicants meeting the criteria for the scholarship will be identified by the scholarship sub-committee of the PFLAG Cleveland Advisory Board.

Recipients will be officially recognized by PFLAG Cleveland during an annual event, e.g., PFLAG Summer Picnic or another PFLAG event. Recipients must allow PFLAG Cleveland to publically announce the recipient's name and institution through media and website releases.

Additional consideration may be given to:

1. Applicants who have an existing affiliation to PFLAG-Cleveland
2. Applicants enrolled in an Ohio IHE
3. Applicants who demonstrate financial need
4. Applicants must be a resident of Ohio

PFLAG Cleveland's Scholarship sub-committee and Advisory Board members of PFLAG Cleveland and their families are not eligible for this award.

Application Deadline and Award Date

The Jes Sellers PFLAG Cleveland Scholarship application is due ~~June 30th~~ **August 15th**. The award(s) will be given within 60 days of the application deadline.

Application

Submit application and Personal Statement to PFLAG Cleveland, 615 Prospect St., Cleveland, OH 44017



The Jes Sellers PFLAG Cleveland Scholarship Application

Name _____
last first middle initial

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Date of Application _____ Deadline: Application must be received by ~~June 30th~~ August 15th

Enrolled at an IHE* - university, college, community college or institute

Admitted / not yet enrolled

Name of institution: _____

Office of Financial Aid _____
Address City Zip

The Jes Sellers PFLAG Cleveland Scholarship Application Instructions

Personal Statement Instructions

The required Personal Statement should address your interest in LGBTQ issues, demonstrate your personal commitment to the LGBTQ community in your high school or your school/university and describe how the scholarship will benefit you (maximum 500 words).

Letters of Recommendation

Please submit up to two references: names, titles and contact information (email; phone); letters of recommendation in support of the scholarship application are encouraged but not required.

Submit Application, Personal Statement & Letters of Recommendation

Submit application, Cover Letter and Personal Statement to PFLAG Cleveland, 615 Prospect St., Cleveland, OH 44017

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**Institution of Higher Education*