

## **PFLAG Enfield Scholarship Application Packet**

Information & application available February 1, 2024, at www.pflagenfield.org

Our Mission: Our mission is to build on a foundation of loving families united with LGBTQ people and allies who support one another and to educate ourselves and our communities to speak up as advocates until all hearts and minds respect, value, and affirm LGBTQ people by:

- Support for families, allies, and people who are LGBTQIA.
- Education for ourselves and others about the unique issues & challenges facing LGBTQIA people.
- Advocacy in our communities to change attitudes & create policies and laws that achieve full equality for people who are LGBTQIA.

#### **Scholarship Eligibility Requirements**

- 2.0 Overall GPA
- Must be a resident (or a parent must be a resident) of Enfield at the time of the application.
- Must identify as gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, intersex, queer or straight ally.
- LGBTQIA high school senior continuing to higher education OR LGBTQIA full-time undergraduate OR LGBTQIA student attending or planning to attend a vocational/trade school.
- Ages 17 to 24.
- Involved in LGBTQ support, education, and/or advocacy in their school or community.

## Scholarship Amount

The 2024 Scholarship awards 2 people with \$1,000.

### **Terms and Important Dates**

- Awards will be paid directly to the student.
- PFLAG Enfield website will be open to receive applications beginning February 1, 2024
- PFLAG Enfield must receive the application and essay via email by May 6, 2024
- Letter of recommendation received via US mail must be postmarked by May 6, 2024
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- The decision will be announced by May 26, 2024. Recipients will be notified by email.
- Recipients will be asked to attend the Wednesday, June 3, 2024 (via Zoom or in-person if available)
   PFLAG Enfield meeting to accept their awards personally. Attendance at the award ceremony is not mandatory to receive the award.

#### **Instructions**

- Complete the application provided by PFLAG Enfield or available on the PFLAG Enfield website: www.pflagenfield.org
- 2. A letter of recommendation must be mailed via US mail or emailed with an official organization address directly from one of the following: a teacher or professor, an official from a recognized Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersex, Ally (LGBTQIA) organization, coach, counselor, or work supervisor. Follow instructions for recommendation submission; must be postmarked by May 6, 2024.
- 3. Please provide a current copy of your driver's license or other picture identification. To establish residency, either a copy of your or your parent's driver's license, state ID card, or utility bill can be provided.
- 4. Submit your **most recent** unofficial transcript.
- 5. Tell us how you learned about this scholarship (here or on a separate piece of paper)
- 6. Application, essay, proof of residency, transcript, and answer to #5 (requirements 1, 3, 4, and 5) must be submitted electronically as a COMPLETE packet by May 6, 2024, to <a href="mailto:scholarship@pflagenfield.org">scholarship@pflagenfield.org</a>. Alternatively, a complete submission package may be mailed (postmarked by May 6, 2024) to:

PFLAG Enfield Scholarship Committee P.O. Box 483 Enfield, CT 06083

## <u>PFLAG Enfield – Lilly Gorrie Scholarship</u> Letter of Recommendation Instructions

Please request that the individual writing your recommendation include the following information along with a signed letter of recommendation and mail it to:

**PFLAG Enfield** Scholarship Committee P.O. Box 483 Enfield, CT 06083 NOTE: Emailed recommendations will be considered ONLY if they are from an official organization email address. Letters must be postmarked or emailed by May 6, 2024. Name of student: Name of individual writing recommendation: Address: Email: Phone: Relationship to student: How long have you known this student? How have you seen this individual support, educate, or advocate for the LGBTQ community? Why would this person be a suitable recipient of a PFLAG scholarship?

## <u>PFLAG Enfield – Lilly Gorrie Scholarship – 2024</u> <u>Application Form</u>

1.	Name:
2.	Address:
3.	Telephone Number:
4.	Email Address:
5.	High School Attended (include city and state):
6.	If you presently attend college or a place of higher education, please provide the following (then skip to question 9):
	Name of Institution:
	Term Completed:
	Date(s) Attended:
	Major Field of Study:
7.	If you have applied to one or more schools, please list them separately and provide:
	Name of Institution(s):
	Intended Major/Field of Study:
8.	Have you been accepted by a college or place of continuing education for fall 2024?  If so, please list the school(s):
9.	List any honors, recognitions or awards for skills or leadership at school or in the community that you have received.
10.	Please list any extra-curricular activities in school or in the community that you have been involved with since entering high school or your current school of higher education.
11.	Are you, or is anyone you know, affiliated with PFLAG of South Orange County? If yes, please identify it.

- 12. Please complete an essay on separate pages addressing one of the following questions, taking care to:
  - \* Identify which question you are addressing,
  - \* Read the question carefully,
  - \* Address each part of the question.
  - 1. We are sometimes inspired to take action or to take different paths than we might have otherwise taken.
    - \* Tell us about someone in the LGBTQIA community who inspired you to take action.
    - \* What action(s) were you inspired to take as a result?
    - \* Give us your thoughts about how we in the LGBTQIA community should move forward in educating our families, communities, and society about the importance of taking action on behalf of this community.
  - 2. Discuss your personal experience and/or understanding of the complex challenges faced by the LGBTQIA community:
    - \* As they apply to the connection/intersection of identity, such as

Race

Ethnicity

Class

Religion

Gender Identity and

Sexual orientation.

- \* What have you done to further the understanding and/or alleviate marginalization/oppression related to these identities?
- 3. Members of the LGBTIA community are often the victims of "microaggressions."
  - \* Define your understanding of this form of harassment as it pertains to this community,
  - \* Give examples from your own experiences,
  - \* Give us your thoughts on how you feel that we, as a community, can engage by our actions and advocacy to fight this form of aggression against the LGBTQ community.



# 2024 PFLAG Enfield Lilly Gorrie Scholarship Photo Release Form

I grant PFLAG Enfield and its representatives the right to photograph me in connection with receiving a 2024 PFLAG Enfield - Lilly Gorrie Scholarship. I authorize PFLAG Enfield to use and publish the same in print and /or electronically.

I agree that PFLAG Enfield may use such photographs of me with my name for any lawful purpose, including, for example, to publicize or promote the PFLAG Enfield – Lilly Gorrie Scholarship in press releases to newspapers or other publications, in the organization's websites, Facebook page, Twitter feed, or other printed materials or online social media.

I understand that I do not need to attend the June 21st, 2024, PFLAG Enfield meeting to accept my award personally and that attending the award ceremony or being photographed is not mandatory for receiving the award.

Signature
Printed Name
Address
Date
Signature of parent or guardian (if under 18)
Printed Name of parent/guardian (if under 18)

I have read and understood the above.

#### **Additional Scholarship Opportunities for LGBTQIA Students**

Human Rights Campaign Student Scholarship Database <a href="http://www.hrc.org/scholarship-database">http://www.hrc.org/scholarship-database</a>

PFLAG National Scholarship <a href="http://www.pflag.org/scholarship">http://www.pflag.org/scholarship</a>

The Point Foundation https://pointfoundation.org/

The League Foundation

https://www.leaguefoundation.org/league-foundation-scholarships/scholarships/

The Gamma Mu Foundation <a href="https://gammamufoundation.org/">https://gammamufoundation.org/</a>

National Organization of Gay and Lesbian Scientists and Technical Professionals, Inc. <a href="https://www.noglstp.org/programs-projects/scholarships/">https://www.noglstp.org/programs-projects/scholarships/</a>

Queer Foundation <a href="http://queerfoundation.org/html/scholarships.html">http://queerfoundation.org/html/scholarships.html</a>

The Association of LGBTQ Journalists <a href="https://www.nlgja.org/resources/aarons/">https://www.nlgja.org/resources/aarons/</a>

College Scholarships.org <a href="http://www.collegescholarships.org/scholarships/lgbt-students.htm">http://www.collegescholarships.org/scholarships/lgbt-students.htm</a>

UCI Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender Resource Center <a href="https://lgbtrc.uci.edu/get-involved/scholarships.php">https://lgbtrc.uci.edu/get-involved/scholarships.php</a>

PFLAG Enfield does not qualify for or endorse any scholarships listed above and recommends students research each organization and qualifications requested.