



SANDY LANE SCHOLARSHIP

APPLICATION PACKET

Presented By:



PURPOSE:

- The purpose of this scholarship is to reward outstanding LGBTQ students and straight allies, to encourage them to continue and complete post-secondary education, and to promote a positive image of LGBTQ youth.

SCHOLARSHIP OFFERED 2018:

- The Sandy Lane Scholarship is a \$1,000.00 (one thousand dollars) fund awarded to the candidate selected by the Scholarship Committee of PFLAG Blairsville.

ELIGIBILITY:

- Must be a self identified member of the LGBTQ community or a proven ally.
- Must have applied for admission to an accredited post-secondary or vocational institution.
- Must be a Georgia resident of one of the communities of the North Georgia Mountains at the time of scholarship application. Eligible counties include: Fannin, Gilmer, Lumpkin, Towns, Union and White.
- Must submit a completed Sandy Lane Scholarship application form along with required supporting materials by the official application submission deadline stated herein.
- Must have satisfied the high school graduation requirements of the Georgia Department of Education.
- The recipient of scholarship must be willing to participate and speak at any scholarship events sponsored by PFLAG Blairsville.

TERMS:

- Awards will be paid in a check made payable to the institution. Any funds not spent during the applied for school year will be refunded to the Sandy Lane Scholarship fund at the end of the school year.
- All personal information submitted to PFLAG Blairsville will be strictly confidential and will not be shared outside the Scholarship Selection Committee.

DEADLINE AND AWARDS:

- A completed Sandy Lane Scholarship application form must be received along with required supporting materials by April 15 of the applied for school year. Completed application form and supporting materials must be mailed to the address below. PFLAG Blairsville is not responsible for lost or misdirected mail. A confirmation email will be sent letting you know that we have received your application packet.
- The Scholarship Selection Committee will review all applications. Applicants will be notified via email no later than May 30 of the year of application. The decisions by the Scholarship Selection Committee are final. Awarding of funds is contingent upon receipt of acceptable candidate's application.

CRITERIA FOR JUDGING APPLICATIONS:

- Eligibility requirements.
- Recommendations.
- Essay.

PERSONAL ESSAY REQUIREMENTS:

- Detail how you have supported LGBTQ people in your school or community.
- Include any honors, awards or recognition have you received.
- Tell us about your college plans, including applications made, accepted and pending. What are your primary areas of academic interest? What extracurricular activities do you see yourself pursuing in college? While in college, how do you see yourself demonstrating support for the LGBTQ community?

OTHER REQUIREMENTS:

- GPA and transcript of grades from the last two years of most recent school(s) attended.
- Two written recommendations: one personal recommendation and another from a faculty member of the school you most recently attended. These recommendations must include the name, contact phone number and email address of each person.

- If you are homeschooled, a second personal recommendation may be submitted in lieu of a faculty member recommendation.

QUESTIONS:

- If you have any question, email us at **info@pflagblairsville.org** and specify Scholarship in the subject line.

APPLICATION FORM

GENERAL INFORMATION:

Name

First: _____ MI: _____ Last: _____

Date of Birth: _____
(Month/ Day/ Year)

Address: _____ Apt. # _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

How did you learn about the Sandy Lane Scholarship?

School Counselor _____ Friend _____ Family Member _____ Web search _____

PFLAG Blairsville Website _____ From an event I attended: _____

Other (describe): _____

PERSONAL STATUS:

Are you LGBTQ? Yes _____ No _____

If yes:

Are you "out and open" in the community? Yes _____ No _____

Is your family aware that you are LGBTQ? Yes _____ No _____

Is your family supportive of your LGBTQ status? Yes _____ No _____

Do you live apart from your family? Yes _____ No _____

Do you support yourself financially? Yes _____ No _____

HIGH SCHOOL APPLICANT ACADEMIC STATUS AND SCHOOL INFORMATION:

High School Name: _____

High School Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Name of School Advisor: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Name of Principal: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Are you in good academic standing? Yes _____ No _____

** If you have already been accepted to a college to which you have committed to enroll, provide the name of the college below:

Please list the top three colleges to which you have submitted applications and indicate your admission status with each:

_____ Pending _____ Accepted _____ Denied _____

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How do you plan to finance your college education? (Check all that apply):

Student Loans _____ Grants/Scholarships _____ Part Time Employment _____

Work Study _____ Family Support _____ Full Time Employment _____

ADDRESS INFORMATION:

- **April 15** is the deadline for **receipt** of your application and supporting documents by PFLAG Blairsville. Please mail your packet to:

**PFLAG Blairsville
Sandy Lane Scholarship Committee
PO Box 1051
Blairsville Ga 30514**

REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS FOR SUBMISSION:

- Completed application
- Personal Essay
- GPA and Transcripts
- Recommendations