



SANDY LANE SCHOLARSHIP

Application Packet

Presented By:



PURPOSE:

- The purpose of this scholarship is to reward outstanding LGBTQ students and allies, and encourage them to (1) start, and/or continue, and complete post-secondary education at any level, and (2) promote a positive image of LGBTQ youth.

SCHOLARSHIP OFFERED:

- 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.
- The scholarship may, at the discretion of the Scholarship Committee, be awarded multiple times to the same recipient.
- The scholarship may, at the discretion of the Scholarship Committee, be awarded to multiple recipients for the same term.

ELIGIBILITY:

- Must be a self-identified member of the LGBTQ community or a proven ally.
- 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 have applied for admission to an accredited post-secondary or vocational institution, or must be currently enrolled in an accredited post-secondary or vocational institution with at least one term remaining in their program beyond the current term in which the application is submitted.
- Must submit a completed Sandy Lane Scholarship application form along with required supporting materials.
- If currently attending secondary school, a completed Sandy Lane Scholarship application form including required supporting materials must be received by April 15 of the expected school term to start study (Summer or Fall). Applications may be submitted earlier, and no earlier than nine months prior to the proposed start of post-secondary education.
- If currently attending post-secondary or vocational school, application must be submitted no later than three weeks prior to the end of the current term.
- Must have satisfied the high school graduation requirements of the Georgia Department of Education. Applicants currently enrolled in an accredited post-secondary or vocational institution are assumed to have satisfied this requirement.
- The recipient of scholarship must be willing to participate and speak at any scholarship events sponsored by PFLAG Blairsville.

TERMS OF PAYMENT:

- Awards will be paid by check made payable to the institution. Any funds not spent during the applicable school term will be refunded to the Sandy Lane Scholarship fund at the end of the applicable school term.

NOTE: All personal information submitted to PFLAG Blairsville will be strictly confidential and will not be shared outside the Scholarship Selection Committee.

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.

DEADLINE AND AWARDS:

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- If currently attending post-secondary or vocational school, application must be submitted no later than three weeks prior to the end of the current term.
- 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, informing you when PFLAG Blairsville has received your application. Incomplete applications will not be accepted.
- The decisions of the Scholarship Selection Committee are final. Awarding of funds is contingent upon receipt and review of candidate's complete application.

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SUBMISSION:

- Mail to: PFLAG Blairsville
Sandy Lane Scholarship Committee
PO Box 1051
Blairsville Ga 30514

REQUIRED FOR SUBMISSION:

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

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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:

Do you identify as LGBTQ? Yes ___ No ___

If Yes:

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

Is your family aware that you identify as LGBTQ? Yes ___ No ___

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

Anything else you want PFLAG Blairsville to know: _____

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ACADEMIC STATUS AND SCHOOL INFORMATION FOR HIGH SCHOOL APPLICANT:

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 your top three choices for colleges to which you have submitted applications. 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 ___ P/T Employment ___ Work Study ___

Family Support ___ F/T Employment ___ Other _____

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ACADEMIC STATUS AND SCHOOL INFORMATION FOR APPLICANT WHO IS CURRENTLY ENROLLED IN POST-SECONDARY OR VOCATIONAL SCHOOL:

School Name: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Advisor: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Date First Attended: _____ Credit Hours Earned: _____ GPA: _____

Major _____

Minor _____

Degree Sought: _____ Or Certificate: _____

Are you in good academic standing? Yes ___ No ___

How are you currently financing your college education? (Check all that apply):

P/T Employment ___ Work Hours Per Week ___ Employer _____

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F/T Employment ___ Work Hours Per Week ___ Employer _____

Work Study ___ Work Hours Per Week ___ Department _____

Grants/Scholarships _____

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Other: _____

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REQUIRED FOR SUBMISSION:

- Completed application
- Personal Essay of any length
- GPA and Transcripts
- Recommendations

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