



2024 INSTRUCTIONS

Jacqueline “Gringa” Richardson Scholarship

Due February 28, 2024

DESCRIPTION

\$500 or higher scholarships are offered to LGBTQ and Straight Allies youth by PFLAG Sedona/Verde Valley.

PURPOSE OF AWARD

- To recognize outstanding lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer (LGBTQ) and straight allied youth.
- To encourage continuing education for self-identified LGBTQ youth.
- To foster a positive image of LGBTQ people in society.

ELIGIBILITY & TERMS

- Priority is given to LGBTQ youth, however LGBTQ students up to the age of 35 are eligible to apply.
- Priority will be given to first time recipients. Past recipients who have received *only one* PFLAG Sedona/Verde Valley scholarship are eligible for consideration for a second award (i.e. you are not eligible if you have received it twice).
- Must attend a post-secondary educational institution within one year (this can include universities, colleges, community colleges, technical institutes, trade schools, etc.) of receiving the award.
- Must be a resident of the Verde Valley, Phoenix, or Flagstaff areas of Arizona
- Must submit an application (*in full, following all directions*) with required supporting materials by the application deadline.
- Awards will be paid by check jointly to the student and the institution and may only be used for education expenses (i.e. course registration fees, lab fees, books, university housing, etc).

CRITERIA FOR AWARDING SCHOLARSHIPS

- Identify as LGBTQIA2S+ or straight ally.
- Demonstration of integrity and honesty.
- Determination and potential to achieve goals.
- Participation in community activities.

REQUIREMENTS & DETAILS

- **Applications will be considered only if the ALL of the following is received electronically (or postmarked) by February 28, 2024:**

1. Completed Application — typed and e-signed (*SAVE AS: “LastName_FirstName_App*)
2. Your most recent transcripts (unofficial is acceptable) (*SAVE AS: LastName_FirstName_Transcripts*)
3. One Recommendation letter (letter should be sent directly to us by your reference)
4. Submit one of these two ways:
 - **Email (preferred) – pflagsedonascholarship@gmail.com**
 - Mail – Attn: Scholarship, PFLAG Sedona/Verde Valley, PO Box 20033, Sedona, AZ 86341

IMPORTANT DATES

- **APPLICATION DUE DATE: February 28, 2024**
- **DECISIONS ANNOUNCED: April 9, 2024**
- **SCHOLARSHIP AWARD Presentation: May 14, 2024**

Frequently Asked Questions

1. *Is it better to email my application in, or send it via US Mail?* Either is acceptable, however email is preferred.

2. *How should I save my electronic app to be emailed in?*

Please save all of your application components as “LAST NAME_FIRST NAME_DOC TITLE”. For example, Jane Smith would save documents as:
Smith_Jane_APP; Smith_Jane_Transcript, etc.

3. *Should my letter of reference be sent separately or with my application?*

Reference letters are usually best sent separately by your reference. Either email or US Mail is acceptable, though email is preferred when possible. We encourage you to follow up and confirm that your reference did indeed submit their letter of reference by the due date.

4. *Do my transcripts need to be official? Also, what if it has “copy” printed across it when I scan it??*

Unofficial transcripts are just fine; it is also fine when “copy” is printed across it when scanned.

5. *I am having trouble with formatting of the cover page. What should I do?*

Do the best you can...you can hand write (VERY NEATLY!) the cover page if needed, or you can type it out on a separate page. All answers to the narrative application questions **MUST** be typed.

6. *I have submitted an application in the past. May I reapply?*

You are eligible to receive a PFLAG Sedona/Verde Valley scholarship a total of TWO times. So if you have received it only once, yes, you may reapply. After you have received two scholarships, you are no longer eligible to apply.

7. *Am I eligible for the scholarship if I don't live in Sedona?*

Yes, you are eligible for the scholarship as long as you are a resident of the Verde Valley, Phoenix, or Flagstaff areas in Arizona.

If you are studying at a university outside of Arizona, you can still apply as long as you are considered an Arizona resident. If you are originally from out of state, but are studying here in AZ, **AND** are considered an AZ resident now, you may also apply.

For questions or more information, e-mail us at pflagsedonascholarship@gmail.com



2024 APPLICATION

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Must be typed.

All information is strictly confidential.

Submit electronically to: pflagsedonascholarship@gmail.com

APPLICANTS: PLEASE SAVE THIS DOC AS “LASTNAME_FIRSTNAME_APP”

APPLICANT INFORMATION

NAME _____

EMAIL _____

CELL PHONE _____ BIRTH DATE _____ AGE ____ GENDER _____

HOW DO YOU IDENTIFY? (i.e. Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans, Queer, Pansexual, Intersex, Asexual, Two-spirit , Ally, etc.)

HAVE YOU RECEIVED A PFLAG SCHOLARSHIP IN THE PAST? WHAT YEAR? _____

CURRENT ADDRESS* _____

CURRENT CITY/STATE/ZIP _____

PERMANENT MAILING ADDRESS* _____

PERMANENT CITY/STATE/ZIP _____

**Which address will be best from June-August 2024* _____

REFERENCE

Have an adult write a recommendation for you.

Please give the Reference Instructions at the end of this application to your reference and follow up with them that they submit it by the deadline.

NAME OF YOUR REFERENCE _____

RELATIONSHIP _____

PHONE _____

EMAIL _____

PFLAG SEDONA/VERDE VALLEY Jacqueline “Gringa” Richardson Scholarship QUESTIONNAIRE

PLEASE TYPE AND LIMIT EACH RESPONSE TO NO MORE THAN 1,000 WORDS

1. *What school do you plan to attend (or schools you have applied to)? What is your admission status (planning to apply, applied and waiting for a response, already accepted for admission, etc.)?*
2. *What are your post-secondary education goals (ie major, area of focus, etc?)*
3. *How will you finance your post-secondary education (student loans, grants, scholarships, parents, part/fulltime employment, etc.)?*
4. *Are you out to your parents and are they accepting? (If you identify as a Straight Ally, please expand on why and if your family is aware and accepting?).*
5. *What jobs have you held, including volunteer work? What have you gained from these experiences?*
6. *What are your interests, hobbies, or extracurricular activities? Choose one or two and tell what it means to you.*
7. *How has the fact that you are lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender or queer affected you? (If you identify as a Straight Ally, please share how being an Ally has affected you).*

Applicants: in place of a written response to questions 5 and 6, may submit a portfolio of work (digital art or other mediums) of three to five original pieces that illustrate ability and skill, or a video/film of no more than 15 minutes that similarly depict ability and skill as original work by the applicant. Any original work of this nature will be retained by the applicant without infringement on copyright.

SIGNATURE

I affirm that all information I have provided is true and accurate. I agree and commit to **using this scholarship for approved education expenses ONLY** (ie course registration fees, lab fees, books, university housing, etc), **even if my education institution returns part of my funds to me**. I understand that **I should attend the Scholarship Awards Presentation**, held in Sedona on May 14, 2024. I also understand I am expected to communicate with the members from the scholarship committee and respond to emails in a timely manner, and if I fail to do so, I may forfeit my scholarship. If I fail to deposit my check at my institute of higher learning by **October 31, 2024**, I understand this may also forfeit my scholarship (especially if I do not communicate this with the PFLAG Sedona/Verde Valley Treasurer).

Signature (typed is acceptable)

Date

OPTIONAL PHOTO RELEASE

This is NOT required! You are free to decline and this will not affect your chances at receiving a scholarship. I hereby authorize PFLAG Sedona/Verde Valley to publish any photographs taken of me at PFLAG events, and my name, for use in the PFLAG's printed publications, website, and Facebook page.

Signature (typed is acceptable)

Date



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pflagsedonascholarship@gmail.com

Dear Reference,

The student named below is requesting that you write a letter of reference for them for consideration for a PFLAG Sedona/Verde Valley Scholarship.

PFLAG is a national organization that unites people who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersex, asexual, two-spirit, plus (LGBTQIA2S+) with families, friends, and allies. PFLAG envisions a world where diversity is celebrated and all people are respected, valued, and affirmed inclusive of their sexual orientation, gender identity, and gender expression. PFLAG is committed to advancing equality and full societal affirmation of LGBTQIA2S+ people through its threefold mission of support, education, and advocacy.

This will be the third year that PFLAG Sedona/Verde Valley has awarded scholarships. Thanks to generous donations made in honor of one of our members, we hope to continue this program for years to come. We intend to recognize outstanding lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and/or queer youth, as well as straight allies, to encourage continuing education for self-identified LGBTQIA2S+ youth and their allies, and foster a positive image of LGBTQIA2S+ people in society.

Please write a letter of reference for _____ by February 28, 2024. It is preferred that you email your letter directly to pflagsedonascholarship@gmail.com. Please save it as LastName_FirstName_Ref?. However, if necessary it may be sent via US Mail to: Scholarship Selection Committee, PFLAG Sedona/Verde Valley, PO Box 20033, Sedona, AZ 86341.

Please include answers to the following questions:

1. How long have you known and what is your relationship to the student?
2. Why do you recommend this student for a PFLAG Sedona/Verde Valley Scholarship?
3. Are there any specific obstacles this candidate has had to overcome in order to succeed?
4. Please feel free to tell us anything else about this candidate you think we should know.

Please be sure to include your name and contact information.

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