



PFLAG Hartford

Helen and Bob Brill Scholarship

PFLAG Hartford and Helen and Bob Brill Scholarship • 2018

Eligibility

- Applicants should identify as LGBTQIA+ (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersex, Asexual, etc.) or Allies, ages 16-24.
- Applicants must be residents of Connecticut.
- Applicants must be active within the LGBTQIA+ community, OR actively working on addressing LGBTQIA+ social issues within school or in the community.
- Applicants must be planning on attending a college/technical school, or an accredited post high school program in the fall of 2018.
- Applicants must have graduated from high school or its equivalent by July 1, 2018 and must have sufficient records to be accepted by an accredited college, university, or technical institute. Students already enrolled at such a school are also eligible to apply.
- Awards must be used toward post high school education, and will be sent directly to the institutions.
- Previous **PFLAG Hartford and Helen and Bob Brill Scholarship** recipients are not eligible.

Judges will take into consideration the candidate's support, education, advocacy, service or activity in the LGBTQ community, other interests, the essay, answers to this application, recommendations, and other factors in arriving at the choice of their recipient(s). A scholarship of at least \$1,000 will be awarded to each recipient selected. Judges' decisions are final.

Applicants will be notified in April, 2018 of any award. This year's scholarship awards ceremony will be on **Wednesday, May 16, 2018** at 7:30 pm, at 10 Woodland Street, Hartford. **PFLAG Hartford and Helen and Bob Brill Scholarship** recipients are requested to attend and accept their award. During this time, scholarship recipients are introduced and have the opportunity to speak briefly about their experiences as members or allies of the LGBTQIA+ community and/ or their plans for the future.

Instructions

- Applications should be typed, using as many attached sheets as necessary. Please include your name on top of each page. Please be thorough and answer all questions. If a question does not apply, please answer with **N/A**.
- Letters of recommendation must be current, and sealed and signed in its own envelope by the recommending writer and included within the application.
- Please **DO NOT** include school transcripts or financial statements.

Once completed, applicants should mail it along with letters of recommendation to the address shown below. Please mail as early as you are able, but **completed packets must be postmarked no later than Friday, March 23, 2018. Please be aware, any incomplete applications will be automatically disqualified.**

Mail completed application packets to:

**PFLAG Hartford
attn: Brill Scholarship
P.O. Box 260733
Hartford, CT 06126-0733**



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2018 Scholarship Application

1. Name:
2. Date of Birth:
3. Complete Mailing Address:
4. Email Address:
5. Telephone Number:
6. High School Attending/ Attended (including City and State):
7. If you are presently attending college or a place of continuing education, please provide the Name of School, Dates Attended, Major Field of Study:
8. If you have applied to one or more schools, please list them (including Name of Institution(s), Major/Field of study, Planned Years of Study):
9. If you have been accepted by any colleges or places of continuing education, please list them.
10. If you have selected a college or place of continuing education, please identify the name of the institution, along with the address and phone number.
11. List any honors, recognitions or awards for skills or leadership within your school and/ or community that you have received since entering high school.
12. List any activities within your school and/ or community that you have been involved with since entering high school. **Be sure to include any involvement with social activities and/ or social justice issues within the LGBTQIA+ community.** For each activity, please include your roles, responsibilities, years of involvement, and approximate number of hours invested per semester.
13. Complete a 500-1000 word essay on the following topic:
 - PFLAG's mission is identified through the following:**
 - ❖ **Support for families, allies and people who are LGBTQ**
 - ❖ **Education for ourselves and others about the unique issues and challenges facing people who are LGBTQ**
 - ❖ **Advocacy in our communities to change attitudes and create policies and laws that achieve full equality for people who are LGBTQ**
 - How do your future career plans align with PFLAG's mission of support, education, and advocacy?**
14. Submit two separate letters of recommendation, one from an **Educational Professional** (example: principal, teacher, guidance counselor or professor) and one from an **Official Representative from a Recognized LGBTQ Organization or Group** (example: GSA advisor, PFLAG representative, True Colors staff member, TCC staff member, etc.). The instruction page is at the end of the application detailing what is required; please print the instruction page out and provide it to those you are requesting write letters of recommendation for you.
15. Complete and attach the photo release form. If you are under the age of 18, your parent or guardian must also complete this form. If you have any questions or reservations about your name/ image being released in association with receiving The Brill Scholarship, please contact our Scholarship Chair Amy Emery at scholarship.pflaghartford@gmail.com



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Photo Release Form

I grant to PFLAG Hartford, its representatives and employees the right to take photographs of me in connection with receiving the **PFLAG Hartford and Helen and Bob Brill Scholarship**. I authorize PFLAG Hartford to use and publish the same in print and /or electronically.

I agree that PFLAG Hartford may use such photographs of me with or without my name and for any lawful purpose, including for example: to publicize the **PFLAG Hartford and Helen and Bob Brill Scholarship** or promote PFLAG Hartford in press releases to newspapers or other publications, in the organization's newsletters, websites, Facebook pages, Twitter feeds, other printed materials or online social media.

In signing below, I acknowledge I have read and understood the above:

Printed Name of Applicant

Date of Birth

Signature of Applicant

Date

Printed Name of Parent/Guardian (if under 18)

Relationship to Applicant

Signature of Parent/ Guardian (if under 18)

Date

Applicant's Complete Address



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Instructions for Completing Letters of Recommendation

Thank you for taking the time reviewing the following guidelines for letters of recommendation for the **2018 PFLAG Hartford and Helen and Bob Brill Scholarship**.

Applicants are required to submit two separate letters of recommendation and letters must be from the current (2017-2018) school year.

- One letter should be from an **Educational Professional** (examples: principal, teacher, guidance counselor, professor, etc.)
- One letter should be an **Official Representative from a Recognized LGBTQ Organization or Group** (examples: GSA advisor, PFLAG representative, True Colors staff member, TCC staff member, etc.).

Please include the following in your letter:

- Why you believe the applicant deserves to be a recipient of the **2018 PFLAG Hartford and Helen and Bob Brill Scholarship**.
- Length of time and capacity in which you have known the applicant.
- How the scholarship committee may contact you with any questions.

Your letter should be typed on official organization letterhead. Please remember to sign and date your letter. **Once your letter is complete, before providing it to the applicant, please seal the envelope and sign over the seal.** Please be aware, applicants must include both sealed and signed letters of recommendation in their application packet, and completed packets must be postmarked no later than Friday, March 23, 2018. Thank you for your assistance in this process, and for your support of the applicant.