



**P.O. Box 667010
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**2010-2011
PFLAG/HATCH
Youth Scholarship
Program**

**Recognizing Outstanding Achievement by
Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgendered Youth
in the Houston Area.**

SUMMARY

Objective

The PFLAG/HATCH Youth Scholarship Foundation was created to recognize outstanding gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered students, and to contribute toward their continuing education. PFLAG and H.A.T.C.H. recognize that specific opportunities for sexual minority youth are limited and the need for positive role models is acute. This program is designed to celebrate the achievement of individuals with minority sexual orientation, or gender identity, who are worthy of our support.

Scholarship Description

The amount of the awards will be determined by funds available at the time they are granted. During the last several years we have granted multiple scholarships ranging from \$2,000 over two years to \$16,000 over four years in recognition of outstanding minority-orientation students. Maintaining a minimum of a 2.0 GPA out of 4.0 while maintaining a full-time student workload (12 semester hours) assures continuing eligibility. Student must provide a transcript at the end of each academic school year (June).

Qualifications for Scholarship Award

The award of this scholarship will be based on a combination of achievement in the areas of academic excellence, leadership, and extra-curricular activities, and on financial need. Eligible applicants must be attending a Houston area high school or college at the time of application, and must be between the ages of 17 and 25. Applicants will be required to complete the attached application and to provide an original essay. The essay will describe goals that the individual hopes to achieve in completing his or her university, college or vocational school education and in preparing for a productive career beyond formal education.

Selection Process

A panel of community members will review the applications and make preliminary selections for finalists based on their collective judgment of each applicant's overall achievement and skill in presenting goals in easy form, as well as financial need. Finalists will be interviewed by the panel to assist in the final selection.

Schedule for Scholarship Application

Applications must be submitted no later than **April 30, 2010**, and must include the most recent high school or college transcript, or vocational equivalent. **Students applying should be sure that all completed forms, including references, are sent to PFLAG/HATCH Youth Scholarship Foundation by that date. Incomplete applications will not be considered.**

Applications should be mailed to:

**PHYSF
P.O. Box 667010
Houston, TX 77266-7010**

Award Ceremony

Winners will be notified in late May 2010 and will be requested to attend an award ceremony, usually held in July. Winners will be informed of the award ceremony date when it is finalized.

PFLAG/HATCH SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

(Please print or type)

Name _____

Street Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

E-mail Address _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____

Cell Phone _____

Date of Birth _____ Gender _____

Social Security Number _____

High School/College Currently Attending _____

Expected Graduation Date _____

Approximate Class Academic Ranking _____ GPA _____

(For example: 23 of 42)

You must send a current official transcript

Honors Awarded _____

Extracurricular Activities _____

Hobbies _____

Achievements Away From School (include volunteer activities) _____

Have you ever been a member of H.A.T.C.H.? _____ Yes _____ No

Have you ever been a member of PFLAG? _____ Yes _____ No

What is/will be your major field of study in college? _____

To which colleges and/or universities do you plan to apply? _____

Student Name _____

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Please attach an original essay describing your goals in seeking higher education, how you hope to make best use of your skills, and long-term career goals you may have. We would be interested to know how you have been able to deal with society's generally negative view of your minority sexual orientation, and how it might affect your plans for achievement in higher education. Please limit your essay to approximately two typewritten pages. Please put your name in the upper right hand corner of each sheet.

Financial Information

What are your anticipated total costs of college per year? Please include tuition, fees, room, board and books.

What sources of income do you anticipate using to pay your college costs? Please include scholarships, grants, loans, college fund savings, and earnings from work. Indicate which of these have been granted and which are still in process.

Does your family presently provide college financial support for others in your family? How many?

Is your family willing to help you pay your college expenses? Yes No

If yes, please circle your family's approximate annual income:

Unknown <\$25,000 \$25,001 - \$50,000 \$50,001 - \$75,000 >\$75,000

College Information

In order that scholarship funds may be distributed to your educational institution, please provide the following:

University Name: _____

Financial Aid/Scholarship Officer Name: _____

University Street/Box Address: _____

University City/State/Zip: _____

You must provide a current transcript at the end of each academic year in order to keep an ongoing scholarship

NO TRANSCRIPT = NO MONEY

Scholarship Recipient Agreement

A. Providing Records

If I am granted a PFLAG/HATCH Youth Scholarship Foundation (PHYSF) scholarship I agree to provide the following information to PHYSF while I am enrolled in a university and receiving PHYSF scholarship funding:

1. I will supply PFLAG/HATCH Youth Scholarship Foundation with a copy of my transcripts at the completion of each academic year (June). Remember, NO TRANSCRIPT – NO MONEY.
2. Should I withdraw from the university after registration, I will promptly inform PFLAG/HATCH Youth Scholarship Foundation so that application for a refund of scholarship funds can be submitted.
3. I will keep PFLAG/HATCH Youth Scholarship Foundation current on all address, telephone numbers and e-mail changes throughout the academic year.

I understand that I must meet certain requirements set by the board of directors of the PFLAG/HATCH Youth Scholarship Foundation in order to be eligible to receive the scholarship funds each semester. I understand that the current requirements include having at least a 2.0 grade point average on a 4-point scale or its equivalent, and that I must enroll for at least 12 credit hours each semester. I also understand that the Foundation may change these requirements from time to time. I understand that failure to provide the requested information can lead to withdrawal of ongoing scholarship funds.

Print Name

Signature

Date

B. Publicity

If I am granted a PFLAG/HATCH Youth Scholarship Foundation scholarship I understand that PHYSF from time to time may wish to use my name and/or photograph in a PHYSF publication, or in a publicity item submitted elsewhere by PHYSF for publication. I understand also that I may deny such permission without in any way jeopardizing my scholarship funding. By signing “yes” below, I hereby give PFLAG/HATCH Youth Scholarship Foundation a release to use my name and/or photo.

Yes, you may use my name and/or photo for publicity

Signature

Date

No, you may **not** use my name and/or photo for publicity

Signature

Date

C. Volunteer Assistance

If I am granted a PFLAG/HATCH Youth Scholarship Foundation scholarship I understand that I may be asked to volunteer from time to time at a fundraising event for an organization that donates to the Scholarship program. I agree that, in order to give back to the community that is providing my financial assistance, I will serve as a volunteer on not less than three occasions during the term of my scholarship. I understand that failure to volunteer may disqualify me for continuing my scholarship support.

Signature

Date

Student Name _____

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Two personal reference forms are attached to this package. Please select people who are not close friends or relatives, but who know you well and can tell us about your capabilities and achievements. They should send the completed forms directly to the address on the form, to arrive no later than April 30, 2010. Please enter the names, addresses and telephone number of your references in the spaces below.

Reference 1

Name _____

Address (Street/City/State/Zip) _____

Telephone Number _____

Relationship to Applicant (e.g. Teacher, Counselor, Supervisor) _____

Reference 2

Name _____

Address (Street/City/State/Zip) _____

Telephone Number _____

Relationship to Applicant (e.g. Teacher, Counselor, Supervisor) _____

Your checklist for a complete application, to be received by April 30, 2010:

- _____ This 4-page application
- _____ Original essay
- _____ Current official school transcripts
- _____ Two letters of reference (mailed directly to us by your reference)

**You should keep a copy of this entire application for your file.
Please return this signed application to:**

**PHYSE
P.O. Box 667010
Houston, TX 77266-7010**

Student Name: _____

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Please complete the following to assist us in evaluating this student's application for this scholarship, which could be as high as \$2,500 per year, renewable for four years. The amount will depend on funding available when the scholarships are granted. We understand this takes time to think about and complete; we do appreciate your extra effort. Completion at your earliest convenience would be appreciated. Please mail the completed form to arrive by April 30, 2010 to:

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Thank you for your support of this student. If you have any questions please feel free to call the Linda Enger, Scholarship Foundation Board Member, at (832) 215-8548.

Student's Name _____

Your Name _____

Address (street/city/state/zip) _____

E-mail address _____

Please feel free to approach your answer to these questions in a conversational way – as though you were visiting with us about him/her. This is your chance to help us know this student as you do.

1. How long have you known this student, what is your relationship with this student and in what capacity have you known her/him? (e.g. classroom, school, job, church, family friend)

2. What do you know about this student that identifies her/him as a person able to set goals and pursue them to completion?

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