

Student Scholarship Guide



How to use this guide

When applying for scholarships you must ensure that you are qualified for the funds. Each scholarship program will have posted qualifications and steps that you must take in order to be eligible. It will include an application, academic validation, financial need, and additional information that they will collect to ensure that they choose the appropriate recipients each year. Included in this guide are scholarships that are not affiliated with Proud Scholars. They are identified as an important resource to help you plan educational financing.

Please go to www.proudscholars.org for all digital applications and supplemental information. For all other scholarships, the organizations address and contact information has been included with their program summary.





Scholarship Eligibility Guidelines

Application is open NOVEMBER 1 and closes MARCH 1

Specific information is required of all students prior to application acceptance and review. Eligibility is assessed based upon a combination of criteria. If you have any questions please contact Tamara Arment.

- Completed Scholarship Application
- Name
- Date of birth
- State of residency
- GPA
- Results from FAFSA (when available)
- Transcripts from last high school
- Transcripts from any college courses taken
- List of schools to where the student is applying
- An essay is required. This is accomplished by writing the essay or submitting a video essay. For the video essay, we will require the student to sign a video release.
- An interview will be conducted with the top candidates once the scholarship review board completes the initial screening.

Young Adults

- This award is open to Graduating High School Seniors, GED recipients, or college students ages 17 to 24 who identify as Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, or Transgender or are the child of LGBT parents.
- Students planning to attend any post-secondary institution, i.e. public, private or proprietary institutions, are eligible to apply for Proud Scholars scholarships.
- Professional certification programs qualify for Proud Scholars scholarships.
- Proud Scholars scholarships are an annual award.
- Students, who wish to receive the scholarships in more than one year, must reapply each year by the March 1 deadline.
- Award criteria are based on the demonstration of leadership and community service involvement, academic credentials, personal essay or video essay, an individual interview, financial need, and personal and educational goals.
- Student must have maintained GPA greater than a 2.2 during their final two years in high school, with a final graduating GPA of 2.0 or greater.
- Student must plan to attend no later than the fall Semester/quarter following their high school graduation.
- Students who identify as a sexual minority or the child of LGBT parents are eligible to apply.



Scholarship Scheduler

January

February

March

April

May

June

Regional

Proud Scholars Close March 1st

PFLAG Cincinnati Close April 14th

National

PFLAG National Open Jan. 22nd

Close April 15th

Point Close Jan. 31st

Specialized Scholarships

Foster Brown & Todd - Law Students can apply throughout the year.

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National Scholarship Funds

National scholarships are not affiliated with Proud Scholars. Because we share the same vision for this country, our mission is to network and provide students with every opportunity to expand their options when planning for college.



WHAT WE DO

Point Foundation (Point) empowers promising lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer (LGBTQ) students to achieve their full academic and leadership potential – despite the obstacles often put before them – to make a significant impact on society.



Point seeks to foster a greater level of acceptance, respect, and tolerance for all persons in society, and to build a community of socially active leaders. Point does this through scholarship funding, mentorship, leadership development, and community service training, and is the nation's largest scholarship-granting organization for LGBTQ students of merit.

Point's work is vital because nearly one-third of LGBTQ students drop out of high school to escape the violence, harassment, and isolation they face there. As a result, many LGBTQ students say they are not planning to pursue opportunities for higher education.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO APPLY FOR A POINT SCHOLARSHIP?

Point Foundation considers many factors when assessing scholarship applicants, including:

- A proven track record of leadership and community involvement
- Strong academic achievement
- Working for the betterment of the LGBTQ community
- Financial need Must be enrolled or intending to enroll at an accredited college or university based in the United States, including Hawaii and Alaska. Students enrolled or intending to enroll in a college or university in a United States territory are NOT eligible
- Must be enrolled full-time for the full academic year
- Must be enrolled in a degree-granting undergraduate or graduate/ doctoral program
- Community college students must be transferring to a four-year college or university. Students continuing their studies at community colleges, online programs, trade schools, as well as post-doctoral research students are NOT eligible
- Must be at least a senior in high school
- Must be "out" as a person who identifies as a member of the LGBTQ community

Go to www.pointfoundation.org for more information and application deadlines.



STONEWALL

Community Foundation

We take education seriously, knowing that it has the power to help LGBTQ people overcome complex social and economic barriers. For nearly 15 years, we have partnered with donors to create scholarships that provide unique opportunities and access to education, both in New York City and throughout the country.

The Traub-Dicker Rainbow Scholarship was established by Peggy Traub and Phyllis Dicker to encourage and support LGBTQ women in their pursuit of higher education. This program provides one-year scholarships of \$1,500 or \$3,000 to those graduating high school or already enrolled in college in any year of study, including graduate school. Scholarships are paid directly to the recipient's school and are applied toward tuition. Applications are judged on:

- Academic achievement
- Outstanding community service and leadership
- Commitment to impacting LGBTQ issues
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Go to <https://www.stonewallfoundation.org/scholarships> for applications and additional information.





PFLAG Mission

The PFLAG Scholarship program is a critical component of our Cultivating Respect: Safe Schools for All Program, rewarding hard work and leadership in the next generation. It is an opportunity to reach out to young people and acknowledge their role in building our community. What better way to show our commitment to students than to provide support for role models and pioneers around the country that are making schools safer for all students?

PFLAG's local and national scholarships are one of the many ways PFLAG supports LGBT and ally youth. Support the students in your community by encouraging them to apply for the PFLAG Scholarship Program.

Many PFLAG chapters have scholarship programs as well. Students are eligible to receive scholarships from both their local chapter and the national office so encourage students you know to apply for both. Review the list of chapter scholarships.

PFLAG National Scholarships are made possible by several generous donations including The GLAD (Gay, Lesbian and Allies at Dow) Employee Network and Lockheed Martin. In addition, many individual donors have contributed to the fund.

Eligibility Requirements

- You are a graduating senior entering higher education for the first time this calendar year (Note: if you graduated in the past year and took a time off you are still eligible to apply).
- Self-identify as a member or ally of the LGBTQ community
- Demonstrate an interest in service to the LGBTQ community.
- Have applied to an accredited U.S. higher education institution.
- Cannot be receiving full tuition from other sources to fund the education (e.g., other full-tuition scholarships, established college trust fund, etc.)



The International Court System Canada | United States | Mexico

This scholarship honors the legacy of Jose Julio Sarria, a decorated veteran of World War II, a LGBT civil rights pioneer, a historical icon and a noted performer.

In 1961 Jose became the first openly gay candidate to run for public office in North America, running for the San Francisco Board of Supervisors position that would later be held by Harvey Milk. In 1965 Jose proclaimed himself Empress of San Francisco and founded what is now known as the International Court System- a group of 70 affiliated independent charities in the United States, Canada and Mexico, dedicated to improving their communities and making them safer places for everyone, including members of the Gay, Lesbian and Transgender communities.

The Jose Julio Sarria Scholarship Fund is one of over 30 scholarship funds offered across the United States, Canada and Mexico by the

International Court System and its 70 affiliated Courts. The first Court scholarship started in 1979 and thousands of scholarships have been awarded since then.

The Scholarship Fund will award grants to individuals that are pursuing an advanced course of study beyond high school and may award grants for educational purposes to organizations with educational projects on LGBT issues.



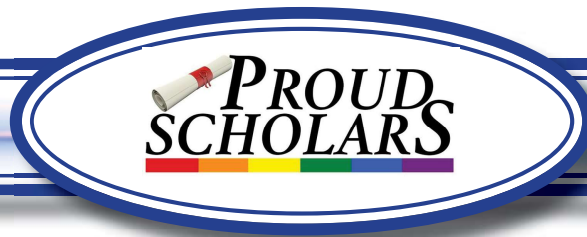
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Go to <http://www.impcourt.org/> for more information



Specialized Scholarship Funds

Specialized scholarships are not affiliated with Proud Scholars. The following programs are designed to target specific fields and promote growth and education as students build their career pathes related to the focus area.



Frost Brown Todd is committed to making diversity and inclusion a permanent part of the culture of the firm. The firm will strive to create and maintain an inclusive environment in which every person has not only an equal opportunity to succeed, but is provided with appropriate support to help him or her realize that opportunity. We will promote the recruitment, community involvement, and professional advancement of a diverse and inclusive team.

DIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The Diversity Scholarship Fund is one of the many unique ways that Frost Brown Todd (FBT) promotes the recruitment and professional advancement of diverse attorneys within our local legal community.

Goal: The Fund is designed to assist bright, impressive, and diverse law students who deserve financial help with education costs.

Requirements and Application: An LGBT law student who seeks to participate in the Fund must have a specific monetary need (i.e., assistance with the purchase of textbooks) and a mentoring relationship with an FBT attorney. The FBT attorney who serves in a mentoring capacity for the student will nominate the student for a scholarship. The nomination must include: (1) a written statement from the student describing the reason(s) why he or she deserves a scholarship; (2) a specific dollar request for a specific need related to education; and (3) a brief written statement by the nominator regarding how he or she knows the student and why the student should be granted a scholarship. Law students seeking additional information or to connect with an FBT mentor should contact Ryan Goellner at rgoellner@fbtlaw.com.

Processing Nominations: After submission, the request will be forwarded to FBT's Diversity Scholarship Subcommittee who will review the materials and determine whether the student shall receive a full or partial scholarship, if any.

Typical requests range from approximately \$300 to \$1000. The Subcommittee will certainly entertain requests for more than \$1000.00 if the written statements reflect a substantial and compelling need. For more information, please contact Ryan Goellner at rgoellner@fbtlaw.com.



Regional Scholarship Funds

The following regional scholarships are not affiliated with Proud Scholars. The scholarships are offered by organizations that are city and county based.



PGLAG Mission

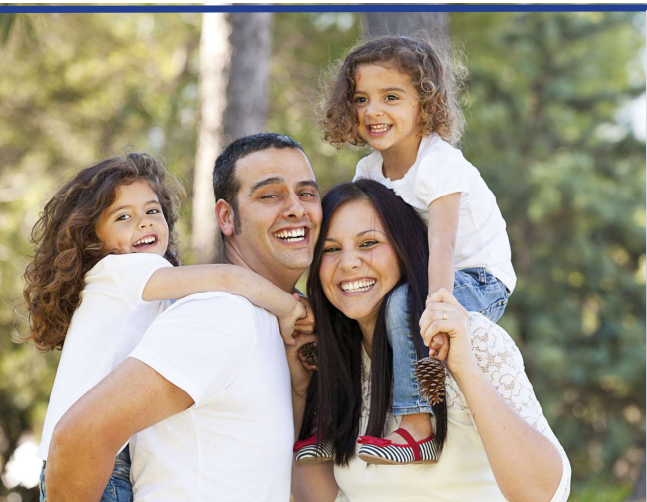
PFLAG envisions a world where diversity is celebrated and all people are respected, valued, and affirmed, inclusive of their sexual orientation, gender identity, and gender expression.

By meeting people where they are and collaborating with others, PFLAG realizes its vision through:

- 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

PFLAG provides an opportunity for confidential dialog about sexual orientation and gender identity, and acts to create a society that is healthy and respectful of human dignity.

We come because we have a common bond – a gay relative or friend. We welcome all ... at whatever stage they are in the coming out journey. We realize that we cannot meet the needs of everyone at every meeting, and every meeting is a bit different in its make-up because of the people, the concerns, and even current issues. But we welcome all. Each of us gains strength by your presence.





Proud Scholars Application



Scholarship Application
Please Print or type all information

Name _____ Date _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone # _____ Email _____

LGBT identifier _____ or Parent identifier _____ State of legal residence _____

Year graduated or received GED _____ Final grade point average _____

Please list all high schools attended and colleges where you have taken any courses:

Name	City	State	Dates
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Please list any schools you are considering and your approximate start date.

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_____	_____
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I plan to enroll Full-time Half-Time Less than Half-Time

In addition to this form please provide the following documents:

- A copy of your final high school transcript and GED if applicable
- Copies of any college transcripts for courses you may have taken
- Either a written or video essay telling us about you and why you should be considered.
- The completed, dated, and signed video release
- The results of your FAFSA for 2017/2018. Please go to www.FAFSA.org, print your Student Aid Report and submit it to the Scholarship Administrator.

The scholarship closes March 1st. We will then begin reviewing all complete applications. If the application is not complete it will not be reviewed.

Please send all information to Tamara Arment at tamara.arment@proudscholars.org or by mail to:
Proud Scholars

Tamara Arment
Scholarship Administrator
P.O. Box 14901
Cincinnati, Ohio 45250



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- Event informational presentations

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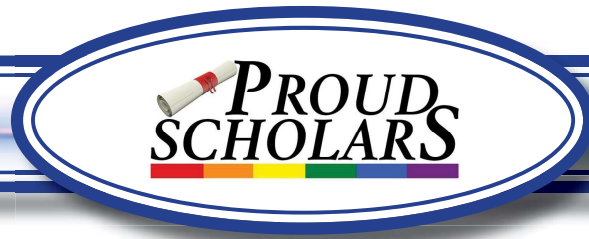
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Phone _____ Email Address _____

Signature _____ Date _____

If this release is obtained from a presenter under the age of 19, then the signature of that presenter's parent or legal guardian is also required.

Parent's Signature _____ Date _____







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