

James Faucett/Peter Paciencia Memorial Scholarship 2025 Guidelines

The James Faucett and Peter Paciencia Memorial Scholarship is dedicated to assisting LGBTQ+ and allied students to further their education to become successful adults. This scholarship recognizes outstanding young individuals who demonstrate leadership, resilience, and a commitment to fostering an inclusive community. It honors the legacy of two incredible individuals and empowers the next generation of leaders in the LGBTQ+ community. Supporting students who are making a difference and ensuring they have the resources to achieve their educational and personal goals is a major PFLAG goal.

Scholarship Information

- The James Faucett/Peter Paciencia Scholarship (2) is awarded in amounts of up to \$2,000
- Awards will be distributed to the college after receipt of a letter of acceptance and verification of enrollment

Eligibility

- Be a resident of Henderson, Polk or Rutherford County, North Carolina.
- Be applying to attend, or currently attending, a technical/vocational program pursuing certification OR be applying to attend, or currently attending, a college or university pursuing an undergraduate academic college degree
- Be a self-identified LGBTQ+ or an ally.
- Have demonstrated service or a desire to serve the LGBTQ+ community.

Requirements

- Your application/required materials must be received by 11:59 PM, May 1, of the current year.
- A completed scholarship application.
- Your high school or GED transcript and/or your most recent college or university transcript. (emailed to pflaghendersonville@gmail.com by your school)
- Two letters of reference should be emailed directly to PFLAG from people other than family members.
- A completed release form.
- Fill out the application electronically and email it to the address below by 11:59 PM, May 1 of the current year.

All materials should be sent to:

PFLAG Flat Rock/Hendersonville
Attention: Scholarship Committee
pflaghendersonville@gmail.com

*In addition to the Jim Faucett/Peter Paciencia Scholarship, you may be interested in applying for a PFLAG National Scholarship. You can find the information in the Chapter Scholarship Program section on their website at <https://pflag.org>

Jim Faucett/Peter Paciencia Memorial Scholarship Application

Personal Data

Name:

Preferred Pronouns:

Mailing Address:

City/State/ Zip:

Email:

Phone: ()

Cell: ()

☐ Yes ☐ No Are we permitted to leave a message at either of these numbers referencing PFLAG Flat Rock/Hendersonville or its purpose? If No, we will contact you via the email address provided.

Date of Birth: _____

How do you identify yourself: ☐ Lesbian ☐ Gay ☐ Bisexual ☐ Transgender
☐ Queer ☐ Other ☐ Straight Ally

If you are a graduating high school senior please complete the following:

Expected Graduation Date:

Name of High School:

City / State:

Name/location of school(s) you plan to attend or are currently attending:

Name of School, City, State _____

Name of School, City, State _____

What is your admission status?

☐ Planning on applying

☐ Applied and waiting for response

☐ Other _____

☐ Already Attending

☐ Accepted for admission

Current Academic Standing

☐ Graduating HS Senior or Equivalent

College/University ☐ Freshman ☐ Sophomore ☐ Junior ☐ Senior ☐ Other

Intended Major(s) or area of studies: _____

Please list and date any awards, honors or recognitions you have received from your school or community.

Please list involvement or leadership roles you have had with clubs or extracurricular activities:

Please include any information about your particular financial situation that you want to include that would help us make our choice.

Please check and e - initial below. Be assured that your responses WILL NOT affect the outcome of your application.

___ YES ___ NO Are we permitted to leave a message at either of these numbers referencing PFLAG Flat Rock/Hendersonville or its purpose? (If NO, we will contact you via the email address provided.)

___ YES ___ NO If you are LGBTQ+, are you "out and open" in the community?

___ YES ___ NO If you are LGBTQ+, are your parent(s)/guardian(s) aware of your
LGBTQ+ status?

___ YES ___ NO If you are LGBTQ+, are your parent(s)/guardian(s) supportive of your
LGBTQ+ status?

Essay. Your essay should be between 500 and 1,000 words - typed, and should integrate answers to the following.

How has being an LGBTQ+ Student or an LGBTQ+ Ally impacted your life?

How have your experiences molded who you are today?

What have you done and what plans do you have to improve the LGBTQ+ community?

How did you hear about the PFLAG Jim Faucett Memorial Scholarship?

I certify that the information contained in this application is true.

Applicant's e - Signature and Date

PFLAG Flat Rock/Hendersonville
James Faucett/Peter Paciencia Memorial Scholarship
Reference Form (2 references are required)

PFLAG Flat Rock/Hendersonville (Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays) is part of a national organization of approximately 250,000 members and supporters organized across the country, with a presence in every state, and in the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

Your name has been given as a reference by:

Reference Name:

Reference Address:

City/State/Zip:

Phone:

Email:

How long have you known this student?

What is your relationship with this student? (teacher, advisor, minister, school counselor, etc.)

Would you recommend this student for the PFLAG Flat Rock/Hendersonville James Faucett Memorial Scholarship and why? Feel free to attach a file.

References will not be shared with candidates. The individual writing the reference should email from a personal or work email address. The candidate cannot email it. Please submit the completed reference form by May 1, 2025 to:

pflaghendersonville@gmail.com

PFLAG Flat Rock/Hendersonville
Attention: Scholarship Committee

**PFLAG Flat Rock/Hendersonville
James Faucett/Peter Paciencia Memorial Scholarship
Release Form**

Please indicate "Grant" or "Do Not Grant" in each line and e - initial.

Please be assured that whether you grant or deny these permissions
It WILL NOT affect the outcome of your application.

___ I Grant ___ Do Not Grant permission for PFLAG Flat Rock/Hendersonville to
communicate with my school regarding recognition of my scholarship award.

___ I Grant ___ Do Not Grant PFLAG Flat Rock/Hendersonville permission to publish an
announcement of my scholarship award and in the local news media.

___ I Grant ___ Do Not Grant PFLAG Flat Rock/Hendersonville permission to use my
photograph in their publicity releases about my scholarship award.

___ I Grant ___ Do Not Grant PFLAG Flat Rock/Hendersonville permission to use my
scholarship essay in an anthology of stories to be compiled for publication or for
promotion of the scholarship program.

___ I Grant ___ Do Not Grant PFLAG Flat Rock/Hendersonville permission to include
my picture and bio in their newsletter or on their website.