



2026 PFLAG Salisbury/Rowan College Scholarship

Dear college student:

Since 2008, PFLAG Salisbury/Rowan has awarded over \$100,000 to local LGBTQIA students and allies.

We are accepting applications from **undergraduate and postgraduate students currently enrolled at a college or university**. Please review the following information.

- Applications are open to any local student currently enrolled as an **undergraduate** in any of the following Rowan County colleges.
 - ❖ Rowan-Cabarrus Community College
 - ❖ Livingstone College
 - ❖ Catawba College
 - ❖ Hood Theological Seminary
- College Graduates who will be pursuing a **postgraduate** degree in the fall of 2026 may also apply. Applicants must have graduated from a Rowan County high school, public or private, or homeschool, or RCCC Early College.

Eligible applicants will be considered for the following scholarships:

- **The Johnsen Family Community Scholarship- \$1,000.00**
- **The Bob Johnsen Advocacy Scholarship- \$1,000.00**

The above scholarships were made possible by the Susan and Robert Johnsen family. As lifelong educators, they believe the community is made stronger by supporting one another. The Johnsen family has long been advocates for the LGBTQIA community.

Other requirements are outlined in the enclosed materials. Application packets should be mailed to the following address, postmarked no later than July 31, 2026.

PFLAG Salisbury/Rowan
Attention: Scholarship Committee
1080 Wentwood Lane
Salisbury, NC 28147

Completed application packets may also be submitted electronically to: salisburypflag@gmail.com.

***It is essential to complete and submit a well-thought-out application; paying attention to detail is required. Incomplete applications may be rejected.**

On behalf of PFLAG Salisbury/Rowan, I thank you for your interest in our scholarship program. Please feel free to contact the committee via the email above if you need clarification or assistance. We wish you the very best in your endeavors.

Sincerely,

Angel Barber

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PFLAG Salisbury/Rowan Scholarship Committee Chairperson



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Dear Applicant:

The PFLAG Salisbury/Rowan chapter is pleased to offer two (2) scholarships to college students, including LGBTQ+ students and allies, fostering a supportive environment for all applicants.

To be eligible for these funds, you must meet the following requirements:

1. Currently enrolled as an undergraduate student at a Rowan County college.
2. Be a graduating college student entering an institute of higher education in the fall of 2026. You must be a graduate of a Rowan County High School.
3. Identify as a gay, lesbian, bisexual, nonbinary, or transgender student, **or** identify as a straight ally demonstrating an interest in service to and/or support of the LGBTQ+ community.
4. Have been accepted or are currently enrolled at a verifiable secondary educational institution (*i.e.*, 4-year college or university, community college, or vocational school)

You must provide the following documents:

Completed PFLAG Salisbury/Rowan Scholarship Application Form, which includes:

- Demographics and identity
 - Academic honors, recognition, college clubs, and extracurricular activities
 - Community service, social/community clubs, activities, and volunteering, with a statement on your plans to continue community service.
 - Employment history
 - Who is your inspiration, and why did you choose that person? Please attach a separate sheet.
 - Career Objectives: Please attach a separate sheet.
 - Financial need statement: please attach a separate sheet
 - The college you are attending, graduate or postgraduate, you are/will be attending and why you chose that institution.
- An essay (**no less than 500 words**) discussing either your life as an LGBTQ+ student **and/or** how you have been involved with and supported the LGBTQ+ community. **In this essay, you should discuss how you have demonstrated leadership, scholarship, and support of the LGBTQ+ community.**
 - Completed PFLAG Salisbury/Rowan Scholarship Program Release Form
 - Unofficial copy of your most current college transcript, including GPA; **please attach to the application**
 - One letter of recommendation from a teacher, counselor, pastor, employer, or community leader. **The letter must be from someone other than a relative and utilize the following guidelines:**
 - How do you know the student?
 - How often do you interact with the student?
 - How do you see the student demonstrate leadership traits? Please share specific actions and behaviors.



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***Please note that the letter of recommendation must also include the name, address, phone number, and email address of the person submitting the recommendation letter.**

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Finalists will be interviewed in early August 2026, and all applicants will be notified of the outcome of their applications by August 31, 2026.

Awards and checks will be presented at the annual Salisbury Pride celebration on September 12, 2026.

PFLAG Salisbury/Rowan Scholarship Committee Members	
Mike Clawson, Chapter Founder Scholarship Board, Chapter Member	Gina Grothoff, Scholarship Board, Chapter Member
Donna Odrosky, Scholarship Board, Chapter Member	Angel Barber, Chapter President, Scholarship Chairperson
Amanda Josiah, Scholarship Board, Chapter Member	Andi Porter, Scholarship Board Member
Roger Hull, Scholarship Board Member	



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PFLAG SALISBURY/ROWAN COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

APPLICATION FORM

Before completing this form, please read the attached letter to ensure that you meet the eligibility requirements and can agree to the conditions of this award.

All information provided on this form will be kept confidential.

Please PRINT legibly or TYPE your responses to the following questions.

APPLICANT'S GENERAL INFORMATION			
Name: First, middle, last			
Preferred pronouns:			
Address: Street, City, State, Zip			
Phone #:		E-Mail Address:	
Date of Birth:		Date and location of High School Graduation:	
Undergrad Institution Currently enrolled at:		Projected graduation date:	
Declared major(s):		Declared minor(s):	
Grad School Institution Currently enrolled/accepted to:		Projected graduation date:	



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Do you identify as Lesbian, Gay, Bi-sexual, non-binary, or transgender (LGBTQ+)?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Do you identify as a straight ally of the LGBTQ+ community?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Are you a first-generation college student?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Are you a veteran or a child of a veteran?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

APPLICANT'S COLLEGE SERVICE INFORMATION - Attach a separate sheet if you prefer

Please list your school honors or recognitions:



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With what college clubs or extracurricular activities are you involved:

Applicants community service and employment

In the following space, describe community service activities with which you've been involved. Please include activities in which you played a leadership role.

Also, describe how you plan to continue community service or leadership in the future, in 50 words or fewer. Attach a separate sheet, if needed.

Community Service History and Intention Statement

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What jobs have you held?

Please list both volunteer and paid positions, as appropriate.

Employer's Name	Job Title/Role	Dates of Employment

On a separate piece of paper, in 100 words or fewer, please describe who inspires you and why.

On a separate piece of paper, please share your career objectives.

On a separate piece of paper, in 100 words or fewer, describe your financial need.

On a separate piece of paper, please attach an essay (**no less than 500 words**) discussing either your life as an LGBTQ+ student **and/or** how you have been involved with and supported the LGBTQ+ community. **In this essay, you should discuss how you have demonstrated leadership, scholarship, and support of the LGBTQ+ community.**



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GRADUATE COLLEGE INFORMATION	
Please list the colleges/universities to which you have been accepted:	
What college/university do you plan to attend or are attending?	
Please detail why you selected this college/university.	

CERTIFICATION AND SIGNATURE(S)
<input type="checkbox"/> All of the information provided on this form is true and complete to the best of my knowledge:
Signature:
Date:

How did you hear about the PFLAG Salisbury/Rowan College Scholarship Program?	<input type="checkbox"/> PFLAG Salisbury/Rowan Facebook or Instagram <input type="checkbox"/> Salisbury Post <input type="checkbox"/> College Guidance Counselor <input type="checkbox"/> Salisbury Pride <input type="checkbox"/> Other LGBTQ+ Resource <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify)
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PRESS RELEASE PERMISSION FORM

Please complete this form and return it with your application. Please be assured that whether you grant or deny these permissions, it does NOT affect the outcome of your application. This is an administrative form that is not sent out to reviewers.

On this date _____, I make the following five (5) statements of my own free will.

Signature: _____ Print Name: _____

1. Permission to PFLAG Salisbury/Rowan to approach my college dean regarding recognition of my scholarship award at the school's scholarship awards program.

I grant.

I do not grant. Signature: _____

2. Permission to PFLAG Salisbury/Rowan to publish an announcement of my scholarship award in the local news media.

I grant.

I do not grant. Signature: _____

3. Permission to PFLAG Salisbury/Rowan to release information about my scholarship award to PFLAG National.

I grant.

I do not grant. Signature: _____

4. Permission to PFLAG Salisbury/Rowan to use my photograph in their publicity releases about my scholarship award.

I grant.

I do not grant. Signature: _____

5. Permission to PFLAG Salisbury/Rowan to use my scholarship essay in an anthology of stories to be compiled for publication.

I grant.

I do not grant. Signature: _____

***Please note, a signature is REQUIRED for either selection, "I grant" or "I do not grant". If a signature is missing, your application may be considered incomplete.**