



Announcement of the 2025 Gretchen Marcroft Paretzky Scholarship
Sponsored by PFLAG Norwalk

PFLAG Norwalk is happy to announce the 2025 Annual Gretchen Marcroft Paretzky Scholarships. Two scholarships of \$500 each will be awarded.

TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR OUR SCHOLARSHIP, AN APPLICANT MUST BE:

- A high school student or high school graduate, 16-24 years of age, attending, or intending to attend, an accredited college, university or technical institution in the Fall of 2025
- Identify as LGBTQ+ (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Non-binary, Queer, Intersex, Asexual, etc.) or as an LGBTQ+ Ally
- Be active within the Triangle Community Center, OR
 - ◊ Have families active with PFLAG Norwalk, OR
 - ◊ Be actively working on LGBTQ+ social issues within school or community
- If still in high school or its equivalent, candidates must expect to graduate by July 1, 2025, and must have a record sufficient to be accepted by an accredited college, university or technical institution.

Previous Paretzky Scholarship scholarship recipients are not eligible to reapply. Awards must be used toward post high school education. Judges will take into consideration the candidate's support, education, advocacy, service or activity in the LGBTQ+ community, recommendations and other factors. **Applications must be received by PFLAG Norwalk no later than July 1, 2025.** Two scholarships of \$500 will be awarded on August 1, 2025 to the qualified candidates. The judges' decision is final.



Application for the 2025 Gretchen Marcroft Paretzky Scholarship
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Indicate your name; Complete mailing address; Telephone number; Email address; High School (or equivalent) attended, and Expected date of graduation:

Name _____

Mailing Address _____

Email Address _____

Telephone Num. _____

High School _____

Graduation Date _____

If you are currently attending school/or a place of continuing education other than High School, give name of the institution, date started, and expected date of completion:

Institution Name _____

Completion Date _____

If you have accepted any offer of admission to a college/place of continuing education, indicate the name of the institution:

Institution Name _____

If you have applied but have not yet made a commitment, please indicate where applied and whether you have been accepted:

Institution Name _____ Accepted? _____

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Please tell us about:

- Your involvement with the Triangle Community Center, and/or
- Your family involvement with PFLAG Norwalk and/or
- Your involvement with social activities or social justice issues within the LGBTQ+ community.

Please indicate any leadership skills or honors received that are associated with these activities
(You may use separate pages):



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COMPLETE A SHORT ESSAY ON THE FOLLOWING TOPIC:

The mission of PFLAG is “To build on a foundation of loving families united with LGBTQ+ people and allies who support one another, and to educate ourselves and our communities to speak up as advocates until all hearts and minds respect, value and affirm LGBTQ+ people.”

In your essay, please describe how your future career plans or personal pursuits align with PFLAG’s mission of support, education and advocacy (You may use separate pages):

Letters of recommendation are not required, but may bolster your application (Maximum of three please.)

Apply by email to pflagnorwalk@gmail.com on or before the application due date:

July 1, 2025.

Scholarship recipients will be notified by August 1, 2025.

Please include the words “Scholarship Application” in the subject line.

PFLAG Norwalk is a chapter of PFLAG National, and is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.

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