

# MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

## SAN DIEGO PFLAG MEMBERSHIP

- New**
- Renewal**
- Change of Address**
- Please contact me for volunteer opportunities**

### Type of Membership

- Individual ..... \$30     Household .....\$40
- Business ..... \$50     Supporting .....\$60
- Contributing ....\$125     Lifetime .....\$1000
- Other \$\_\_\_\_\_
- Accept my donation, please do not list.

### Make checks payable to:

**PFLAG San Diego  
P.O. Box 82762  
San Diego, CA 92138**

Confidentiality is respected. Your donation is tax deductible (Tax I.D. 33-0512868)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

All memberships are payable at the beginning of the year and include membership in National PFLAG.



## Some basics you should know

LGBT people are everywhere – They come from families from all corners of the earth, from every culture, faith, ethnic background and religion. It is estimated that about 10% of the population is LGBT.

Gay people are healthy – the American Psychiatric Association, American Psychological Association and the American Medical Association have recognized that homosexuality is not a mental or emotional disorder.

LGBT people cannot be stereotyped any more than people who are not LGBT. LGBT persons establish stable, loving, long-lasting relationships, work for a living, vote, pay taxes and attend religious services. Aside from prejudice and bigotry they sometimes encounter, most LGBT people live happy, fulfilling, and productive lives.

Gay people are naturally homosexual. Homosexuality is not a choice. No one knows exactly how sexual orientation is determined. In discussions with thousands of families with gay children, the consensus is:

- The gay child is most often aware of his/her sexual orientation at a very early age.
- None of the children were influenced or taught to be gay by another person.
- Being gay is not just a stage youngsters go through. All attempts to change a child's or adult's sexual orientation fail.

## Mission Statement

**PFLAG promotes the health and well-being of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender persons, their families and friends through: support, to cope with an adverse society; education, to enlighten an ill-informed public; advocacy, to end discrimination and to secure equal civil rights.**

**Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays provides opportunity for dialogue about sexual orientation and gender identity, and acts to create a society that is healthy and respectful of human diversity.**

*We look forward to meeting you soon.*



# WHAT IS PFLAG?

PFLAG (Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays) is an international organization created by parents, families and friends to gain understanding and support of our Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) loved ones. PFLAG offers a wonderful opportunity for families and friends to learn and grow together. Members and newcomers find a confidential, warm and supportive setting

where we can share our concerns with others and find comfort and reassurance about our LGBT family members, friends and ourselves.

Learning that a loved one – child, relative or friend – is gay is the first step in a personal journey, and can be difficult. PFLAG is there for you, offering support, information and affirmation. PFLAG gives you the opportunity to meet others who have made

the journey, to learn from them, be enlightened by their experiences, and benefit from their insights. PFLAG's information and resources help reinforce relationships and strengthen your understanding.

PFLAG is a non-profit, tax-exempt, volunteer local organization. We are not affiliated with any specific ethnic, religious, economic or political group.

## What the San Diego County PFLAG Chapter does.

### SUPPORT

Our San Diego group meets *monthly* and has an educational presentation, a short refreshment social and support groups where non-judgmental support is offered.

These support groups are small settings where participants, if they choose, can share their concerns regarding sexual orientation and gender identity issues. Similarly, people can speak of their efforts and experiences in seeking parental understanding and acceptance.

We also have support groups in *East County, North County Coastal, South Bay and North County Inland*, as well as *Spanish language* meetings. Meeting attendance and membership is open to all.

You can call the information line for time and place at **888-398-0006** or visit us online.

**Support**

### EDUCATE

Volunteers with our PFLAG Speakers' Bureau visit schools, universities, professional and government venues to educate the general public and professional groups about equality and civil rights. The goal is also to raise people's awareness about the personal dimensions of discrimination.

A book and video library is maintained as an education resource for those interested in learning about LGBT and gender issues in order to counter myths and misinformation concerning sexual orientation and gender identity.

We are also proud to be able to offer 4-7 scholarships every year since 1998 to local college-bound high school seniors, college and post-graduate LGBT students.

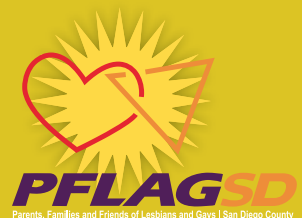
**Educate**

### ADVOCATE

We reach out to political and faith based leaders to increase understanding of issues regarding being LGBT. Our Speakers' Bureau is a large part of this effort.

We advocate for equal and civil rights as well as equal treatment of LGBT persons including marriage equality and civil rights, abolishing the military's "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy, safe schools, hate crime legislation, employment discrimination legislation, and fair adoption laws.

**Call Today**  
**888-398-0006**



**Advocate**