

WBFC Peace Scholarship Application

West Branch Friends Church (WBFC) is inviting applications for its 13th annual Peace Scholarship. The \$1500 scholarship is intended to encourage and support high school seniors in their use of nonviolent means to build the tools for peace and eliminate war, poverty, inequality, and intolerance.

This application should be turned in by April 21, 2021.

Questions can be directed to: westbranchpeace@gmail.com. This application is also available on our church website: <http://www.westbranchfriendschurch.com>.

* Required

1. Email address *

2. Letters of Recommendation 1-2 *

Files submitted:

Explanation

Eligibility

To be eligible, applicants must be a graduating student in 2021 who is from West Branch High School, Scattergood Friends School, a home school in the West Branch district, or a family of someone who attends WBFC. Applicants do not have to be college-bound. The scholarship can support education, service, or other post-high school endeavors.

Expectations

Applications will be assessed for their publicly demonstrated interest in and commitment to nonviolent conflict resolution or peace-encouraging community involvement. Examples include, but are not limited to, supporting disaster relief; distributing food and working against hunger; political involvement for peaceful solutions; providing services and/or shelter for the needy; domestic violence intervention, support, and outreach services; international cooperation, diplomacy, and exchange programs; providing counseling and support for alternatives to military service; environmental preservation and improvement; support for immigrants and immigrant rights; and human rights work.

After the term of service/educational year of support, the recipient has the option (not required) to give a presentation to WBFC regarding their activities supported by this scholarship.

Requirements

Applicants will complete application materials and a typed 600-word essay with clear writing skills, demonstrating support for nonviolent ideals and commitment shown to these. Whole essays or excerpts may be published in WB Friends Church Connections, WB Times, Iowa Friend, or other publications as decided by West Branch Friends Church.

One or two signed letters of recommendation are required (from a teacher or a community leader such as volunteer/work supervisor, pastor, etc.) noting motivation, commitment, and accomplishments (see Recommendation Letter).

Interview with pastor and 3 members of WBFC. These four persons will make the decision as to who will receive the scholarship.

The completed application, recommendation letters and typed 600-word essay will be sent together (postmarked by March 31) to: Clerk, Peace and Social Concerns, PO Box 153, West Branch, Iowa 52358. Alternatively, the application can be submitted through this Google form and the recommendation letters through email westbranchpeace@gmail.com or the aforementioned address.

General Information

3. Full Name *

4. Age *

5. Phone Number (include area code) *

6. Address *

7. Name of High School *

8. High School Address *

9. Name of Principal or Head of School

10. What are your plans after graduating? *

Mark only one oval.

Attend college

Attend trade school

Join Americorps, Peace Corps, etc?

Other:

11. How will you use this scholarship money? *

General Activities.

12. Leadership positions and offices. Indicate school, church, or community volunteer activities, noting the name of the organization, years of involvement (9-12), position or office held, and approximate monthly time commitment. (Example: "Bear" school paper editor (12) 35 hrs/mo.)

13. Memberships and extracurricular activities. List organization, years of membership, monthly time commitment. (Example: Habitat for Humanity volunteer (11) 10 hrs/mo for 2 mo.)

14. Honors and awards. List by name and year any awards received (example: National Honor Society (11-12)).

15. Hobbies and interests.

16. Employment. List names of employers, including family business/self-employed, full time/part time, and hours worked. (Example: window washing, self-employed, summer part time (9-11), 10 hrs. /mo.)

Essay
Instructions

Please write a 600-word essay explaining how this scholarship will assist you in promoting a peaceful world. As you do, please answer at least one of these questions:

The typed, 600-word essay (separate sheet of paper or pasted in the Google form) will be judged on:

- Demonstrated understanding and basis of knowledge in use of nonviolent means working towards the elimination of the causes of war (see Scholarship Goal, and Expectations)
- Ability to grasp the wide implications inherent in working for peace
- Insight, clarity of expression, effectiveness of style
- Organization
- Originality of approach and treatment of topic
- Adherence to this format and maximum of length of 600 words
- Citation of sources (in other words, giving credit to ideas/quotes that you borrow)

Essay. Keeping these standards in mind, answer at least one of these questions:

- 1)What have you done to promote peace in your life, community, and society?
- 2) What do you plan to do with your future that will encourage peace?
- 3) What can an individual do to make this world a brighter place for everyone as well as encourage peace?
- 4)In the quest for peace, conflict is inevitable. Please give personal examples of conflict you have faced (e.g., bullying, discrimination, injustice, violence) and how you productively addressed them.

17. Essay. Keeping these standards in mind (see previous page), answer at least one of these questions: 1)What have you done to promote peace in your life, community, and society? 2) What do you plan to do with your future that will encourage peace? 3) What can an individual do to make this world a brighter place for everyone as well as encourage peace? 4)In the quest for peace, conflict is inevitable. Please give personal examples of conflict you have faced (e.g., bullying, discrimination, injustice, violence) and how you productively addressed them. *

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