



## WBFC Peace Scholarship Application 2024

West Branch Friends Church (WBFC) is inviting applications for its 17th annual Peace Scholarship. The \$1500 scholarship is intended to encourage and support college bound 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 15, 2024

Email [westbranch\\_peace@gmail.com](mailto:westbranch_peace@gmail.com) with questions. This application is also available on our church website: <http://www.westbranchfriendschurch.com>

### Application Sections:

- Overview of scholarship eligibility, requirements, expectations, and process.
- General information (contact info, school, etc.)
- Activities (extracurricular, community)
- Essay
- Letters of Recommendation.

\* Required

Email \*

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### Overview

Carefully review the following information. Then, confirm that you have understood each section.

### Eligibility

To be eligible, applicants must be a graduating student in 2023 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.

I understand the eligibility requirements. \*

☐ Yes

☐ No

### 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.

I understand the expectations.\*

☐ Yes

☐ No

## Requirements & Process

### 1. Essay.

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.

### 2. Recommendations.

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).

### 3. Submission

To submit via mail: The completed application, recommendation letters and typed 600-word essay will be sent together postmarked by [date] to: Clerk, Peace and Social Concerns, PO Box 153, West Branch, Iowa 52358.

To submit via email: The application can be submitted through this Google Form and the recommendation letters here. Alternatively, you can email the recommendation letters to [westbranchpeace@mail.com](mailto:westbranchpeace@mail.com) or the aforementioned postal address.

4. The scholarship committee will review all applications. Then candidates will interview with pastor and 3 members of WBFC. These four persons will make the decision as to who will receive the scholarship.

I understand the requirements and process:

☐ Yes

☐ No

## General Information

Full Name \*

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Age \*

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Phone Number (include area code):\*

The scholarship committee will use this number to schedule an interview, in the case that the candidate is selected.

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Address \*

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Name of High School \*

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High School Address \*

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Name of Principal or Head of School

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What are your plans after graduating? \*

- ☐ Attend college
- ☐ Attend trade school
- ☐ Join AmeriCorps, Peace Corps, etc?
- ☐ Other: -----

How will you use this scholarship money?

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### Activities

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.

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

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Honors and awards. List by name and year any awards received (example: National Honor Society (21-22)).

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Hobbies and interests.

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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.)

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## 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 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)

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.

Submit your essay here. (See section description for prompt & expectations) \*

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## Recommendations

Letters of Recommendation 1-2 \*