

# West Branch Friends Church Peace Scholarship Application

## I. Goal of Scholarship:

**To encourage and support demonstrated commitment of high school seniors in their use of nonviolent means in working towards eliminating the causes of war such as poverty, inequality and intolerance. *This is not only for those who are college-bound.***

## II. Expectations, eligibility and requirements

1. To be graduating from the West Branch public high school/ Scattergood Friends School, to be a graduating home schooled student in WB district, or to be a graduating member of a family of whom at least one person attends West Branch Friends Church (WBFC).

**Amount:** \$1000; \$1250 if recipient attends William Penn College.

**Email contact:** friendspeacescholarship@gmail.com

2. **Those who have publicly demonstrated interest in and commitment to nonviolent conflict resolution or peace-encouraging community involvement are encouraged to apply. Examples include:** working in disaster relief, community food collection or distribution/working against hunger, political involvement for peaceful solutions /diplomacy, health/helping services for the needy, domestic violence intervention/support/outreach services, international cooperation/diplomacy/exchange programs, providing shelter for the needy, providing counseling/support for alternatives to military service, environmental preservation/improvement, human rights work.

3. After the term of service/educational year of support, the recipient will give a presentation to WBFC regarding their activities supported by this scholarship.

4. 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 will be published in WB Friends Church Connections, WB Times, Iowa Friend, or other publications as decided by West Branch Friends Church.

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

6. Interview with pastor and 2 from WBFC. These three persons will make the decision as to who will receive the scholarship.

7. The completed application, recommendation letters and typed 600-word essay will be sent together (**postmarked by March 1**) to: Clerk, Peace and Social Concerns, PO Box 153, West Branch, Iowa 52358

**III. General Information:**

1. Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_

2. Name and address of high school

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Principal \_\_\_\_\_

3. Please list persons upon whom you model yourself. Has someone mentored you? If so, how?

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4. What are your plans after graduating: are you planning to attend college, trade school, join Americorps, Peace Corps, etc?

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5. How will you use this scholarship money?

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6. Have you received any other scholarships or grants? If yes, list them and include amount of award.

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**IV General Activities**

A. Leadership positions and offices. Indicate school, church, or community volunteer activities, noting name of organization, years of involvement (9-12), position or office held and approximate monthly time commitment.

Examples:

“Bear” school paper editor (12) 35 hours/mo.  
(church name) youth group leader (10-11-12) 20 hours/mo.

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B. Memberships and extra curricular activities. List organization, years of membership, monthly time commitment

Example:

Habitat for Humanity volunteer (11) 10 hours/mo., for 2 months)

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

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D. Hobbies and interests.

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**V. 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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- VI. Essay**     **The typed, 600-word essay (separate sheet of paper) will be judged on:**
- 1. Demonstrated understanding and basis of knowledge in use of nonviolent means in working towards the elimination of the causes of war (see Scholarship Goal, section 1 and Expectations, II-2). With this in mind, answer one of these questions:**
    1. How have peacemaking and the pursuits of peacemaking affected you personally?
    2. Give personal examples of experience of conflict resolution in your life. What was the problem and what steps or interventions did you take to solve it?
    3. How will this scholarship through you assist in making a world of peace?
    4. What are other alternatives in serving your country over joining the military?
    5. How might we change the reputation of the US in the world today to be more “peace driven” instead of fear-driven?
  - 2. Ability to grasp the wide implications inherent in working for peace.**
  - 3. Insight, clarity of expression, effectiveness of style**
  - 4. Organization**
  - 5. Originality of approach and treatment of topic**
  - 6. Evidence of research**
  - 7. Adherence to this format and maximum of length of 600 words.**
  - 8. Use of bibliography (typed, separately from essay)**

Mail the signed application form, essay, bibliography and 2 recommendation letters (letters are at the back of this packet) as noted in Section II (7) above.

Student signature \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/guardian signature \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_

**VII. About the Award**

**For 2012: \$1000 (\$1250 if attending William Penn College), payable to appropriate organization with whom recipient will be involved- examples: university, college, Christian Peacemaker Teams, Amnesty International, Oxfam, American Friends Service Committee, Friends Committee on National Legislation, Habitat for Humanity, etc. (see II -2). If there is no fee payable to the organization, the funds may be given to the recipient.**

**Application date deadline is March 1(postmarked).** Award given by WBFC representative at WB public school ceremony, or Scattergood Friends School, or at other mutually agreeable public location in case of home-schooled recipient, or student of WBFC family from outside West Branch school district.

**The recipient will** present their essay during worship at WBFC, and is invited to be present after worship for a period of fellowship. **In addition-** after the term of service/educational year of support, the recipient will give a presentation to WBFC regarding their activities supported by this scholarship.

**West Branch Friends Church Peace Scholarship  
Recommendation Letter**

1. Applicant's name

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How long have you known the applicant and in what capacity?

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2. Please rate the applicant on the following characteristics:

	Excellent	Above Avg	Average	Below Avg.	Poor
Probability of success	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Dependability	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Initiative	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Ability to get along with others	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Communication skills	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

3. Please describe the applicant's demonstrated motivation, public commitment and accomplishments regarding peace-encouraging community involvement or nonviolent conflict resolution.

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Your name (print and sign) \_\_\_\_\_

Your position \_\_\_\_\_

Your address/phone \_\_\_\_\_

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