

PEACE SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES

The Peace Scholarship was established in 1992 after members of the Friends and Mennonite churches attended high school senior awards programs and noticed that the military services presented many awards. Wanting to offer an alternative that reflected their longstanding peace witness, these historic peace churches—Friends and Mennonite, along with the Brethren—joined together to create a scholarship that would promote and advance their commitment to peace.

Each year, awards ranging from \$500 to \$700 are given to support one or more students pursuing post-high school studies. The Brethren, Friends, and Mennonite congregations of the greater Howard County area sponsor the scholarship.

The following guidelines pertain to this scholarship award:

APPLICANT INFORMATION:

1. Applicant must be a high school senior planning to enroll in at least twelve hours of undergraduate study in the fall semester.
2. Applicant's residency must be from one of the following Indiana counties: Carroll, Cass, Clinton, Grant, Howard, Miami, or Tipton.
3. Scholarship guidelines and application forms may be obtained from high school counseling offices or online at: <https://peace40.wixsite.com/peacescholarship>
4. Applicant must, in addition to the application, **write an essay about their personal experience with peacemaking and/or what peace means to them.**
 - Title your essay
 - Double-spaced, typed or word-processed, size 12 font, portrait orientation
 - 500 – 800 words
 - Present a clear, concise, logical discussion to support your thoughts
 - Use correct English mechanics in your essay writing
 - Use footnotes or endnotes when appropriate
 - DO NOT put your name on the essay
 - DO NOT include school names, names of individuals, churches, or businesses in your essay
 - If you send your essay by email, attach it in a .pdf or Microsoft Word format.
5. Send your completed application form and essay to the address noted on the application or email to peace@usa.com in a .pdf or Microsoft Word format. If you have questions, please call Carolyn Thompson at 765-452-2344.
6. Expectation is that winners will attend an awards presentation in the Spring of 2026.

PEACE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Academic Year 2025 – 2026

Name of Applicant: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____ County: _____

High School attending? _____

Where do you plan to attend college? _____

What do you plan to study? _____

Are you affiliated with a local church or meeting? (NOT a requirement.) If yes, please list the church or meeting name.

Please list any school, church, or community activities in which you have been involved.

Please list past and current work experience:

Include any information you feel may be helpful to the Scholarship Committee:

NOTE: Application must be postmarked no later than January 20, 2026, and mailed to the following address in a regular business letter envelope:

Peace Scholarship
Carolyn Thompson
3144 Villas Dr. South
Kokomo, IN 46901

Or email to peace@usa.com in a .pdf or Word format by January 20, 2026, by 11:59 p.m.

Please, **DO NOT** put your name on your essay.