

OEA BUILDING A BETTER WORLD

Three Scholarships



“Our world is a neighborhood. We must learn to live together as brothers or we will perish as fools. For I submit, nothing will be done until people put their bodies and souls into this.”

Martin Luther King Jr.

Three scholarships will be awarded annually, based on personal essays, that deal with the following topics:
1 - Global Awareness. 2 - Community Involvement. 3 - Independent Travel.

Eligibility:

Any graduating Oakridge High School senior may apply for one, two, or three of the individual scholarships. Awards for scholarships one and two may be used for any post high school studies. The award may cover books or tuition or purchase of a computer. If you do not go to school in the Fall, you may have the scholarship held at Oakridge until you enroll in classes. You do not need to attend college to win the Independent Travel Scholarship, however we hope that you would complete travel by that summer.

How to Apply:

Fill out the basic information form below. Make sure to check the boxes which apply to the scholarship(s) you are applying for. Attach one, two, or three personal essays, which pertain to the particular scholarships for which you are applying. On the back of this page, guidelines are noted for each of the specific scholarships.

Deadlines:

This application, along with attached personal essays, must be turned into the Oakridge High School Counseling offices by **May 1, 2012**. A panel of five Oakridge teachers will read essays and decide the awards. The final total will be determined by dividing all donations into three scholarships. **We expect that the total award for 2012 will be \$3000 divided into three \$1000 scholarships.**

Name: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

City / State / Zip: _____

email address: _____

High School: _____ Graduation date: _____

Included with this application form are the following personal essays. You may choose to apply for one, two, or all three scholarships. Check appropriate boxes.

1

**Global
Awareness**

2

**Community
Involvement**

3

**Independent
Travel**

Your signature below certifies that your essays are your work alone:

name

date

General Requirements

Type your essays. Use 1 inch margins. 12 point font. Single spacing. Each of the three scholarship topics requires a separate essay. Label and attach all essays to this completed information form. You may submit your essays via Google Docs - if you do so, share it with bobwoodmsu@gmail.com. Make sure to name the document with the scholarship and your name. Confirm the sending with Mr. Wood.

Scholarship 1 - Global Awareness

As Dr King stated, if we are to survive in this global neighborhood, we must learn to live together. That means we must seek to truly understand one another. Your essay should deal with our responsibilities, as members of the human race, to comprehend the cultures which surround us. Outline your philosophy and life plans in regards to Global Awareness.

Part one - Personal philosophy

Suggested guidelines: Your philosophy of the importance of being globally aware. What responsibility do we have to understand the lives and values of foreign cultures? How does our awareness make this a better world?

Part two - Your life plan

What do you plan to do at a personal level, educationally, on a volunteer basis, within your career, in the short term and in the long term, in order to best achieve your personal philosophy in regards to global awareness?

Special note - Your essay answer should be no longer than two pages for combined parts 1 & 2. The one post scholarship requirement you have if selected for this award is that you must promise at some point in your life when you feel financially secure that you will extend this scholarship to a local school district in your home town, and finance it for a minimum of one year.

Scholarship 2 - Community Involvement

Caring starts at home. We must work together to make our communities safer, more compassionate, and ultimately more livable. Through volunteer work and personal commitment, individuals can make a lasting and real difference in their community. Outline your philosophy and life plans in regards to Community involvement.

Part one - Personal philosophy

Suggested guidelines: The importance of community volunteer agencies. The role an individual can take in creating a better community. The concept of volunteerism.

Part two - Your life plan

What do you plan to do at a personal level, educationally, on a volunteer basis, within your career, in the short term and in the long term, in order to best achieve your personal philosophy regarding Community Involvement. You should also document your previous experiences in regards to community involvement.

Special note - Your essay answer should be no longer than two pages for combined parts 1 & 2. The one post scholarship requirement you have if selected for this award is that you must promise at some point in your life when you feel financially secure that you will extend this scholarship to a local school district in your home town, and finance it for a minimum of one year.

Scholarship 3 - Independent Travel

Travel opens your eyes. You gain access to cultures, people, places; all experiences which help you shape a healthier global perspective. This scholarship will recognize a well written travel philosophy and provide a limited refund for an independent road trip. You do not have to plan to enroll in post high school studies to win this award..

Part one - Personal philosophy

Suggested guidelines: The role of travel in adjusting personal world perceptions. The role of travel in creating a more globally aware community. You may use past travel experiences in formulating this portion of the essay.

Part two - Your travel plan

Outline a roadtrip that you plan to take before January 1. Note general dates, travel partners, reasons for going, why you have chosen your destination. Your trip can be of any length or time (one day to three months). Your only restriction is that this must be your trip, not mom and dad's. You and maybe a buddy are sole trip coordinators

Special note - Your essay answer should be no longer than two pages for combined parts 1 & 2. Your only requirement if selected for this scholarship award is that you send a postcard to the OHS School offices while on your roadtrip. Come in upon return and you will be reimbursed for the scholarship award. You need not present receipts. You should complete travel prior to January 1 of the following year, however special circumstances will allow for flexibility. For this scholarship a 2nd place winner will be selected. They will be provided the award should the award winners' travel plans fall through.