

# Building A Better World Scholarship

Oakridge Education Association and Oakridge Parent Club / co-sponsors

*“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, dealing 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. You may only win one of the awards. Awards for scholarships one and two may be used for any post high school studies. The award may be used to pay for books or tuition or purchase of a computer. If you do not go to school in the Fall following graduation, you may have the scholarship held until you enroll in classes. You must however, attend school within two years of high school graduation. You do not need to attend school to win the Independent Travel Scholarship. However, in order to receive funds directed towards the travel scholarship you must submit specified travel plans, include hotels, travel, dates, which we will go over with you, once you have been selected as the winner. Specific written travel plans are not a part of the scholarship application process. However, you must complete travel by the second September following high school graduation to be reimbursed.

### **“Early College” / Applicant:**

If you are an Early College student, apply with your original OHS graduating class. If you win the *Building A Better World Scholarship*, we will hold your stipend until you complete your studies at MCC. We’ll then apply your scholarship stipend to your transfer school.

### **“Muskegon Promise” / Applicant:**

If you are a *Muskegon Promise* recipient, and win the *Building A Better World Scholarship*, you may still use the *Promise*. Due to our 501 c-3 status, we can hold your stipend until you complete your studies at MCC or Baker. We’ll then apply your scholarship stipend to your transfer school.

### **How to Apply: **Deadline for submission - May 1, 2020.****

Submission of Personal Information noted below should be included on a cover form that you submit with your essays. Submit your essays and cover letter to [bwood@oakridgeschools.org](mailto:bwood@oakridgeschools.org) by 11:59 PM on May 1, 2020 in Word or Google docs format. Make sure that you receive a return email confirming your submission. If you do not receive confirmation of your essay submission, please check with Mr. Wood.

### **Selection Process:**

A panel of Oakridge teachers, Community members, and past recipients of the scholarship, will read essays and select the winners. Those winners will be announced at the “Awards Assembly” on the Final day for Seniors. The final total award will be determined by dividing all donations into three scholarships. **We expect the award total for 2020 to be \$10,000.**

**Information to be included on a title page submission** form due at same time of scholarship essay submission. This information need only be copied one time, if you are applying to multiple scholarships.

**1 - Name**

**2 - Email address**

**3 - Identify the Scholarship(s) that you are applying to.**

## General Requirements

Please use 1 inch margins. 12 point font. Single spacing. Each of the three scholarship topics requires a separate essay. Please submit your essays to Mr Wood at [bwood@oakridgeschools.org](mailto:bwood@oakridgeschools.org) by the scholarship deadline. You may submit in Word or in Google Docs. Make sure that you get a returned email back that confirms your post. Typical essay answers run the length of one to two pages, however there is no set requirement.

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### 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 that surround us. Outline your philosophy and life plans in regards to the significance of Global Awareness.

#### Part one - Personal philosophy

Suggested guidelines: What is your philosophy of the importance of being globally aware. What does it mean to be 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, and/or 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?

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### Scholarship 2 - Community Involvement

Caring begins 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 history, philosophy, and life plans in regards to Community involvement.

#### Part one - Personal philosophy

Suggested guidelines: What is the significance of community volunteer agencies. What kind of role can an individual play in creating a better community. How significant is 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, particularly those outside of NHS.

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### Scholarship 3 - Independent Travel

Travel opens your eyes. You gain access to cultures, people, places; all experiences, which help you to 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 need to enroll in post high school studies to win this award. The winner of this award will receive a travel stipend equal to the amount provided as college scholarship in the two scholarships noted above.

#### Part one - Personal philosophy

Suggested guidelines: What is the role of travel in shaping personal global perception. What is the role of travel in creating a more globally aware community. You may reflect on past experience for this portion of the essay.

#### Part two - Your travel plan

Outline a road trip that you plan to take. Note general dates, travel partners, reasons for going, why you have chosen your destination. Your trip can be of any length or time. The more organized your itinerary the more credence your essay will be given. This must be your trip, not a family trip. However you may take a family member. You may take a friend. The itinerary is totally determined by you

*If you win any of the three scholarships we hope that you would donate in the following years, even if that donation is only ten bucks. It is important to us that we connect past winners with those in the future. We also invite you to join us in participating on the selection committee for future scholarship winners.*