“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. 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, you may have the scholarship held at Oakridge until you enroll in classes, however you must attend by the following fall semester to access funds. You do not need to attend college 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. These plans are not a part of the scholarship application, but required for release of funds.

Early College Applicants:
If you are an early college student, apply with your original OHS graduating class.

How to Apply:
Scholarship submission is due online by the Scholarship due date. 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. Submit your essays in either Google docs, Word, Apple Pages, or PDF format. Make sure that you receive a return email validating your submission. If you don’t get that email please see Mr. Wood.

Deadlines:
The deadline for all Building A Better World Scholarship essays is May 12, 2019. - it must be posted to bwood@oakridgeschools.org by 11:59 PM. A panel of eight Oakridge teachers and OHS graduates will read essays and decide the awards. The final total award will be determined by dividing all donations into three scholarships. We expect that the total award for 2019 to be approximately $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 - Phone
4 - Graduation year
5 - Identify the Scholarship(s) that you are applying for
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 by the scholarship deadline. You may submit in Word, Apple Pages, Google Docs, or PDF format. 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.

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 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?

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 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.

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: What is the role of travel in shaping personal world perceptions. 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 parent. You may take a friend. The itinerary however 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 $10. 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.