2016 PEACE SCHOLARSHIPS

We are looking for 5 Lane County high school seniors with a commitment to Peace and Social Justice to receive $500 scholarships

These scholarships are a joint project of Community Alliance of Lane County, a 49 year old local non-profit organization promoting peace and social justice and Rotary Club of Eugene, whose mission includes promoting peace through service worldwide.

These scholarships are locally funded by people who wish to support local students who are committed to peace and social justice and to provide an alternative for students who might otherwise seek money for college through military enlistment. One is funded by the Rotary Club of Eugene, four by supporters of Community Alliance of Lane County.

**In order to qualify for this scholarship, applicants must meet the following requirements:**

 Eligibility: Interest and activity as a person of peace and social justice

 Graduating from a Lane County high school or GED program in 2016

 Acceptance in a post secondary education or training institution

 Application requirements:

 Completed application (see attached)

 Official high school transcript

 Two letters of reference in sealed envelopes. Do not send a reference from a friend or

 family member.

 Essay as described below

 Due date: postmarked no later than March 4, 2016

 Mail to: Community Alliance of Lane County, 458 Blair Boulevard, Eugene, OR 97402

 Send: application form, essay about the attached prompt, transcript, reference letters

**Decision criteria:** We may ask to interview the finalists. Criteria we will use to decide whom award include: the quality of your essay, including how responsive it is to the prompt, evidence of financial need, evidence of peace and social justice commitment. We will give some preference to applicants of color, immigrants, first in family to attend college, of low income and those who do not have a lot of other scholarship money.

Application Form for Peace Scholarships

Offered by Community Alliance of Lane County and Eugene Rotary Club

Name:

Mailing address (Street, Community, Zip) Email:

Phone numbers (cell and land line) Name of High School from which you will graduate

What are your post high school education/training plans?

Are you an immigrant, person of color, from a military or low income family, have a record of social justice and/or peace commitment? Please describe

Why are you applying for this scholarship?

What is your financial need?

Describe your extracurricular activities, in particular those showing your involvement in peace, social justice, environmental justice, community well being.

What other scholarships have you applied for and which have you received?

**Attach your essay of up to 2 pages responding to this prompt:**

Both warfare and climate change are rendering large areas of the world uninhabitable. Some examples are Syria and Iraq. Lack of access to resources, including land, food, water and rule of law, has caused an enormous refugee problem in the Middle East. Already in the US there is early evidence of similar problems, such as forest fires, hurricanes, water wells drying up, etc.

In up to 2 pages, tell us what are you inspired to do to help resolve these crises, to decrease warfare and promote positive solutions to climate change. Does that include, or not, enlisting in the military?

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Include application form (use second page if necessary), essay, 2 letters of reference, transcript