Essay Contest Application for2017 $3000.00 Scholarship

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Basic Concepts of Humanism

Humanism is a non-theistic philosophy that encourages the use of science, reason, and critical thinking in seeking solutions to problems and in defining goals. It affirms the inherent dignity and worth of each human being and asserts that the ethical principles of truth, fairness, and compassion are necessary for governing human actions if we are to improve our world.

Eligibility Requirements

College-bound public high school seniors who live in the greater Portland area and who have a GPA of 3.0 or higher

Name_____

First Middle Last

Address_____

Street City State Zip Code

Phones: Cell:_____ **Landline:**_____ **E-mail:**_____

High School_____

Application Requirements

1. **An original essay of 750-1,000 words, typed and double-spaced, on the following topic:**
   "Many young people today are replying, "none," when asked their religious preference. How does one develop a moral compass without religion or dogma?"
2. **A one paragraph autobiography including interests, activities, college, and goals**
3. **High school transcript showing GPA of 3.0 or higher**
4. **Copy of student's driver's license or state-issued photo ID to verify Oregon or Washington residence**
5. **Completed application with parent or guardian's signed permission for student to enter the contest, to have winning essay published, and to present his or her essay at a meeting of the Humanists of Greater Portland**

DEADLINE APRIL 30, 2017

Submit the five above required materials in both the following methods

1. **E-mail scholarship@portlandhumanists.org AND**
2. **U.S. Mail Humanist Essay Contest**
   P.O. Box 3936, Portland, OR 97208-3936
   (Must be postmarked no later than April 30, 2017}

Parent/Guardian Permission

I, _____**give permission for** _____ **to:**

Print Name of Parent or Guardian Print Name of Student

- **Enter this 2017 essay contest**
- **Have his or her essay published in a Humanist organization newsletter**
- **Make an in-person presentation to a Sunday meeting of the Humanists of Greater Portland**

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Signature of Parent or Guardian Date