



Essay Contest Application for 2018 \$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**

High school seniors or 2017 graduates who are completing a gap-year, who plan to enter college in the fall of 2018, who live in the greater Portland area, and who have a GPA of 3.0 or higher

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
First Middle Last Birthdate

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zip Code

Phones Cell \_\_\_\_\_ Landline \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

High School \_\_\_\_\_

**Application Requirements**

1. An original essay of 750-1,000 words, typed and double-spaced, on the following topic:  
"At times when our nation seems sharply divided, how can Humanist values of scientific inquiry, reason, and critical thinking promote social harmony."
2. A one-paragraph autobiography including interests, activities, college 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 Sunday meeting of the Humanists of Greater Portland, which will be recorded (go to <http://tinyurl.com/HGPwinners> to view past presentations)

**DEADLINE April 16, 2018**

Submit the above required materials to the following E-Mail address before midnight of the due date  
[scholarship@portlandhumanists.org](mailto:scholarship@portlandhumanists.org)

Or if sent by U.S. mail, the submission must be postmarked on or before April 16, 2018 to

Humanists Essay Contest,  
P.O. Box 3936  
Portland, OR 97208-3936

**Parent/Guardian Permission**

I, \_\_\_\_\_ give permission for \_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name of Parent or Guardian Print Name of Student

- to:
- Enter this 2018 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