

Humanists of Greater Portland™ (HGP)
\$1,000 Scholarship Essay Contest Application for 2012
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Name _____

Address _____
(street) *(city, state & zip code)*

E-mail _____

Phone Number(s) _____
(home phone) *(cell phone)*

Eligible students:

College-bound high school seniors who live in the Greater Portland area, who have a GPA of 3.0 or greater and who subscribe to the following definition of humanism:

"Humanism is a rational philosophy informed by science, inspired by art, and motivated by compassion. Affirming the dignity of each human being, it supports liberty and opportunity consonant with social and planetary responsibility. Free of theism and other supernatural beliefs, humanism thus derives the goals of life from human need and interest rather than from theological or ideological abstractions, and asserts that humanity must take responsibility for its own destiny."

Contest requirements*:

- (1) an original essay of 750-1,000 words , typed and double-spaced, on the topic, "Why I am a Secular Humanist"
- (2) parent/guardian permission to enter, to have winning essay published, and to speak to Humanists of Greater Portland™ if student's essay is contest winner (this signature is *required* for contest entry)
- (3) a one-paragraph autobiography listing personal interests, intended college major and career goals
- (4) transcript from high school showing GPA of 3.0 or greater
- (5) copy of student's driver's license OR state-issued photo ID (to verify Oregon or Washington state address)

*NOTE: winner will be required to submit verification of college enrollment, as an additional requirement.

Contest submission rules (DEADLINE: April 30 ... winner to be announced June 1):

- (1) Essay must be both mailed and e-mailed. E-mail to scholarship@portlandhumanists.org AND mail to Humanist Essay Contest, P.O. Box 3936, Portland, OR 97208-3936.
- (2) Mailed application should be postmarked no later than the deadline, April 30.
- (3) Submission packet shall be stapled in this order: application form with parent/guardian signature, essay, one-paragraph biography, transcript, and copy of driver's license OR state-issued photo ID.

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Parent/guardian permission (REQUIRED):

I, \_\_\_\_\_, give permission for \_\_\_\_\_ to:  
*(printed name of parent/guardian)* *(printed name of student)*

- Enter this 2012 essay contest
- Have his/her essay published in a Humanists of Greater Portland™ newsletter
- Make an in-person 10-minute presentation to a Sunday meeting of Humanists of Greater Portland™

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*(signature of parent/guardian)*

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*(date signed)*