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Essay Contest Application for 2020 $3000 Scholarship

Basic Concept of Humanism

Humanism is a progressive philosophy that encourages using science, reason, and critical thinking to solve problems and to define goals without supernaturalism. It affirms the inherent dignity and worth of each human being and asserts that the ethical principles of truth, fairness, and compassion are essential for governing human actions if we are to improve our world.

Eligibility Requirements

Applicant must be a graduating senior from a public high school in the greater Portland area, who has a GPA of 3.0 or higher, and is scheduled to attend college in the fall of 2020.

Name _____ _____ _____ _____
First **Middle** **Last** **Birthdate**

Address _____ _____ _____ _____
Street **City** **State** **Zip Code**

Phones: Cell _____ **Landline** _____ **Email** _____

High School _____

Application Requirements

We will judge essays on adherence to the chosen topic, authentic voice, logical support of thesis, clarity, and organization. We expect students will keep in mind the above core values of Humanism in their approach to the topic.

1. An original essay of 750 to 1,000 words, typed and double-spaced, on one of the following topics:

a. **If you were the CEO of a large company how might you use your company to address our nation's income inequality. How would you deal with criticism of your policies?**
b. **What role can an individual play in combatting climate change? The community? The government?**
c. **Religion tangled up with law is being used as a weapon against individuals because of their gender, sexual orientation, race, and ethnicity. What can/should be done to ensure that our laws and their application are free from such bias?**

2. A one-paragraph autobiography including interests, activities, and 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's or guardian's signed permission.

Submit the above materials postmarked no later than midnight April 10, 2020

TO Humanists Essay Contest
P.O. Box 8475
Portland, Oregon 97207

Parent/Guardian Permission

I, _____ **give permission for** _____
Print Name of Parent or Guardian **Print Name of Student**

to - enter this 2020 essay contest
- have his or her essay published in a Humanist organization newsletter
- present his or her essay to a Sunday meeting of the Humanists of Greater Portland
- have this presentation recorded

_____ _____
Signature of Parent or Guardian **Date**

Go to http://tinyurl.com/HGPwinners to view past presentations.