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Essay Contest Application for 2022 Scholarship

The first-place winner will be awarded up to $3,000

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 who is scheduled to attend college in the fall of 2022.

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

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

Phone: _____ **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 you will keep in mind the above core values of Humanism in your approach to the topic, and to incorporate your personal experiences into your essay.

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

a--- If you were asked by your senator what three laws you think would help our country the most, what would you recommend?

b--- How do Humanists strike the balance between rights and responsibilities without any formal and common scriptures, writings, or philosophies as a starting point?

c--- How has the Covid epidemic caused you to rethink or revise your plans for college and career?

2. High school transcript showing GPA of 3.0 or higher.
3. Completed application with parent's or guardian's signed permission (if applicant is under age 18).

Submit the above materials via email no later than midnight April 9, 2022

TO scholarship@portlandhumanists.org

Parent/Guardian Permission (if applicant is under age 18)

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

to - enter this 2022 essay contest
- have their essay published in a Humanist organization newsletter
- present their essay to a Sunday meeting of the Humanists of Greater Portland
- have this presentation recorded

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

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