

CHAPEL HILL-CARRBORO PEACEMAKING SCHOLARSHIP

Information and 2026 Application Form

Background: Since 2009, 44 Peacemaking Scholarships, valued at \$1000-1200, have been awarded to local high school seniors who aspire to a career in peacemaking. The 2026 scholarship(s) will be valued at up to \$1500 each. Applicants demonstrate their involvement in peacemaking by describing how their **activities, studies, and career goals** relate to one or more of these six **peace-related focus topics**:

1. **NON-VIOLENT CONFLICT RESOLUTION** (for example, by making lethal force truly a means of last resort, stopping the arms race and arms trading, converting to a peace-time economy).
2. **GLOBAL COMMUNITY** (for example, by sharing global resources, respecting cultural diversity).
3. **SOCIAL JUSTICE** (for example, by promoting human rights, ending discrimination and prejudice, fostering equal access to economic opportunity).
4. **ECOLOGY** (making the connection between the environment and peacemaking – for example, by living more simply, improving air and water quality, working for conservation of resources, respecting wilderness and wildlife, seeking environmentally desirable waste management).
5. **POPULATION** (for example, by respecting human life and diversity while finding ways to manage growth so the human population reaches a sustainable level).
6. **DEPOLARIZATION** (e.g., building bridges across political divides, calming partisan rhetoric, encouraging better understanding and appreciation of our similarities and our differences, embracing things that bring us together rather than keep us apart).

The scholarship selection committee looks for applicants who show the most promise to have careers that involve being active peacemakers.

Eligibility: Any high school senior who intends to go to college, and who lives in, or goes to school in, or is active in a faith community in Chapel Hill or Carrboro is eligible to apply for a Peacemaking Scholarship. Biographical sketches of previous recipients can be accessed at <http://unitedchurch.org/peacemaking>.

Criteria: The scholarship committee will judge applicants on the basis of 1) their **written discussions** of how each of three areas of peacemaking involvement (**activities, studies, and career goals**) relates to one or more of the six **peace-related focus topics** (described above); and 2) a **letter of recommendation**. See Application Form for details.

Deadline: Submit a completed Application Form, signed by the applicant and a parent or guardian, by **March 15, 2026**. Send completed form and associated documents by email attachment to Sherry Siddall, Chairperson, Chapel Hill-Carrboro Peacemaking Scholarship Program, at sherrysiddall@gmail.com. Shortly thereafter, all applicants will be notified of the results.

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1. Provide the following contact information. *(Please print)*

Applicant's name <i>(first, middle initial, last)</i>	
Permanent address <i>(Street, city, state, zip)</i>	Telephone number
	Email address
	High school currently attending
If you are claiming eligibility because you are involved in a faith community in Chapel Hill or Carrboro please provide the name and phone number of the minister most familiar with your involvement.	Name and telephone number Name of Faith Community

2. Describe your participation in each of these three areas of peacemaking involvement and **indicate how each of these areas of involvement relates to one or more of the six peacekeeping focus topics**. A description of these topics is on the General Information page of this application. (Weighted scores are in parentheses.)
- **ACTIVITIES:** List and describe activities or groups in which you have been involved. (40 points)
 - **STUDIES:** List and describe classes that you have attended or taught, essays you have written (attach copies), books you have read, or other studies you may have undertaken. (15 points)
 - **CAREER GOALS:** Describe your career goals. (15 points)
3. **Letter of recommendation.** Include a letter of recommendation from someone who is familiar with your peacemaking activities, studies, and/or career goals. (30 points)
4. **Certification.** The following signatures certify that all of the information on this application is true and complete to the best of our knowledge. If asked by an authorized official, we agree to give proof of the information that we have provided on the application.

Applicant's signature: _____ **Date** _____

Parent's or guardian's signature: _____ **Date** _____