

2012 PEACE AND EDUCATION COALITION SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION INFORMATION

What's available?

- Scholarships for University or College (up to \$2000 each)
- Scholarships for a private High School (up to \$500)

Who can apply?

Applicants who are active in volunteer service. Must demonstrate involvement during this past year (May 2011-April 2012) in the **Back of the Yards** (i.e. park volunteer, library aide, tutoring, teach religious education, volunteer in youth work or food pantry, neighborhood clean-up, visiting the sick, etc.)

Applicants must have been accepted to the school they wish to attend by the time the award is issued.

Students who have received scholarships in the past from the Peace and Education Coalition, or Holy Cross/IHM Parish, are eligible to reapply and will be judged on the merit of their application.

APPLICATION PROCESS:

ALL Applications **DUE FRIDAY, MAY 4, 2012, 8 pm.**

Submit completed application pack to:

Peace and Education Scholarship Committee
c/o Holy Cross-IHM Office
4541 S. Wood Street
Chicago, IL 60609

- Checklist:**
- Completed written application
 - Copy of most recent report card. The report card copy MUST show the semester and year. If in college, you will likely not have your Spring, 2012 report card. *Do not wait to receive it.* Submit your most recent prior to this term.
 - One (1) letter of reference from your **volunteer service supervisor**, typed on business letterhead

Eligible applicants will be invited for a personal interview with a panel of judges. These interviews will be scheduled the days of June 5-7.

Scholarship committee will contact applicant regarding the award.
Awarding of scholarships will take place the weekend of June 16-17.

PEACE AND EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION COLLEGE 2012

PART I. Background (5 points max)

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____ (city, state, zip) _____

PHONE: _____ e-mail address: _____

Have you received a scholarship before through Holy Cross/IHM Parish or the Peace and Education Coalition? _____ YES _____ NO

If YES when did you last receive the scholarship? Year _____

Which school are you currently attending? _____

If you are not currently in school, which school did you most recently attend, and what year(s)? _____

What year are you completing this year? (please circle one)

High School 4th College 1 2 3 4 Graduate 1 2 3

Which school do you plan to attend next year?

SCHOOL NAME: _____

SCHOOL ADDRESS: _____

SCHOOL PHONE: (_____) _____

HAVE YOU BEEN ACCEPTED? _____ YES _____ NO

WHAT WILL BE YOUR MAJOR OR CAREER? _____

YOU MUST SUBMIT A COPY OF YOUR MOST RECENT GRADES REPORT WITH THIS APPLICATION. The copy must clearly show the semester and year.

PART II. SERVICE

A. SERVICE IN THE COMMUNITY (40 points max.)

Please fill in the following table with the volunteer service activities you are currently involved with, or in which you have served since last May, in the Back of the Yards community

Description and Location of Service Activity	Number of hours served, May 2011-April 2012	SUPERVISOR'S SIGNATURE and PHONE NUMBER	Supervisor's written comments

B. SERVICE IN SCHOOL (5 points max.)

Please fill in the following table with the volunteer service activities you are currently involved with, or in which you have served since last May, done in your school or sponsored by your school.

Description of Service	Number of hours served, May 2011-April 2012	SUPERVISOR'S SIGNATURE and PHONE NUMBER	Supervisor's written comments

PART III. Essay Portion (10 points max)

You MUST submit TWO essays in part III, following instructions below.

Please attach your answers to the application.

You MUST answer question A.

- A. **Letter to Local/Community Leaders:** This fall, the pastor at Holy Cross-IHM Church, Fr. Bruce Wellems, will be reassigned to California for a few years. Fr. Bruce has put in much work with the community's school principals, faith leaders, business owners, social service agencies, residents, and youth to address issues of peace and education in the Back of the Yards. He has helped the community come together to shape a vision for change, peace, education, and employment. His departure is a difficult change for many, but the work of the Back of the Yards neighborhood remains. ***Write an open letter to the leaders above that outlines your expectations of them in Fr. Bruce's absence.*** Please begin your letter with the salutation, "Dear Peace and Education Coalition" and address the following questions: What are the areas of need in Back of the Yards? What programs exist that need to continue, and why? What work in the areas of "peace" and "education" would you like to see grow over the next two years? End your letter with a paragraph committing yourself to an aspect of service in the committee to which you can lend your time, talents, and hard work.

You must answer ONE OF THE TWO: questions B or C

- B. **Letter to National Leader:** Another presidential election is fast approaching. President Obama will enter into the race with (a yet unknown Republican candidate), and they are both formulating their campaign strategies and platforms as you're reading this essay question. ***Write a letter to either President Obama or his opponent that outlines your expectations of him during his Presidential term if he were to win this year's election.*** Please choose only one Presidential Nominee to whom you will write your letter. What advice can you this candidate that would help him gain a better understanding of the needs of the American people and create a solid campaign on which to run? The body of your letter may include your hopes for the economy, poverty, immigration reform, education, human rights, violence. The choices are endless, but your letter must outline your concerns and as well as your advice (create a plan) that helps shape the direction our nation takes in the next four years.
- C. **Local Leaders Influencing World Leaders:** Chicago's Mayor, Rahm Emmanuel, posts on the Chicago's 2012 NATO Summit website, "Chicago is a magnet for those who think big. There's no better place for leaders to find solutions to the world's biggest challenges than right here in the President's hometown." **For this essay, you are being asked to organize a discussion panel of three Chicago leaders to speak to the World Leaders at the 2012 NATO Summit here in Chicago.** You will choose three leaders that possess leadership qualities that you admire and have made positive contributions to Chicago. In your essay, you will introduce your three leaders and give a brief background for each. The body of your essay will explain how these individuals' local acts of leadership and service can positively impact the way World Leaders approach global issues such as the economy, education, human rights, conflict, etc. Explain how the "big thinking" of the hometown leaders you chose can be models of positive action for NATO's leaders.

PART IV: *In addition to this application please SUBMIT ONE LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION (10 points) from a SERVICE SUPERVISOR you are CURRENTLY working with. This letter must be typed on business letterhead.*

The selection process includes an oral interview which is worth 30 points. These interviews will be scheduled during the days of June 5-7. You will be graded on service, ability to communicate, your educational goals and overall general impression. The highest score you can receive for the entire application process and interview is 100 points. **BEST WISHES.**

Return this application by Friday, May 4, 8 pm, to:

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For any questions about the scholarship process,
please call Sister Angie at
(773) 376-3900

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