Peace with Justice Scholarship Essay Contest 2020

THE CONTEST:

The Peace with Justice Scholarship Essay Contest is open to students who are high school juniors or seniors during the current school year and who live in Iowa or attend an Iowa high school. The applicant need not be a member of a United Methodist Church nor any other religious organization.

Essays will be judged by a committee selected by the Iowa Conference Board of Church and Society of the United Methodist Church. Three winners will be selected; each winner will receive a $500 scholarship award. Winners’ names will be announced and awards presented at the annual awards ceremony during the Iowa Annual Conference session in June 2020.

ESSAY REQUIREMENTS:

Essays must be less than 1,000 words and the original work of the applicant. With the essay, include your name, address and email and a brief summary of school, church and community activities, including efforts for social justice.

Completed essays must be submitted as a Word document or PDF and electronically submitted to the Iowa Conference Peace with Justice Coordinator, Laura Oliver, at this email:

loliver19829@gmail.com

Entry deadline: April 1, 2020

2020 ESSAY TOPIC:

The Social Principles of the United Methodist Church call us to recognize the systems that destroy human lives through poverty, war, and exclusion; and to advocate for justice and care in our communities and social structures.

In a society that is alarmingly divided, how can we promote justice, build understanding and acceptance of others, and promote systemic changes that will enable all people to live in freedom and peace?

Please direct questions to Laura Oliver, loliver19829@gmail.com