

Davis Friends Meeting Scholarship Application 2023

Soon you will hear encouraging, challenging words about your future and all the ways you can contribute to bettering this world. We of Davis Friends Meeting (also known as Quakers) join in congratulating you as you prepare to graduate. We also know that continuing with your education is an important factor in whether you achieve your goals, even discover new ones!

That is why we Quakers are providing an annual scholarship in the amount of \$1,500.00 to one graduating student. Even if you have thought it too costly, too improbable, we invite you to apply. We know that some students must hold down jobs during high school and/or have major responsibility for siblings; that makes it hard to pull a perfect GPA. We Quakers have been clear with your counseling department that we seek a graduating senior who has faced challenges with grit and who will continue in his/her/their chosen path to be open to growth.

You may not know much about Quakers, and there's lots to share, but not here. Check us out on the web! (Quaker.org) We do want you to know that over our four centuries as a faith community we have worked for the abolition of slavery (John Woolman and others), for women's right to vote (Katie Stanton and others), and have always held that war is not the answer. We know that all life is sacred, which has brought us to be active environmentalists and to work for equality for all, regardless of orientation, ethnicity, or beliefs. We are not into doctrine, but emphasize activism. American Friends Service Committee works world-wide.

Does that mean we are paragons, always at the forefront of change? The honest answer is NO. We struggle, just as you do, and we know that each person has a responsibility to determine his/her/their path. We are, above all, seekers. We try not to slack off.

And—we want you to know that we would be honored to consider your scholarship application!

Davis Friends Meeting

We of Davis Friends Meeting are glad you are applying for our scholarship.

Save your application and attachments as PDFs, then email the PDFs to Julie Clayton at jclayton@djusd.net.

Your full name:

Your complete address, with zip code: _____

Your phone number: _____

Your email address, if any: _____

Your parents' names: _____

The names and ages of your brothers and/or sisters, as well as the names and ages of other family members living with you:

The names and ages of furry or feathered family members:

List duties and responsibilities centered around your life at home:

List any jobs you have held, either for pay or as a volunteer:

Are you currently employed? Yes No If so, where? _____

Hours per week? _____

When not engaged in school work, how do you like to spend your time?

List clubs, organizations and activities in which you participate:

List colleges, technical schools and/or universities to which you have applied:

List occupations that interest you at present. (We understand that this may change radically.)

Please provide two (2) letters of recommendation. These may be from any non-family person. Email your letters directly to: Julie Clayton at jclayton@djusd.net.

Here are three essay prompts. Choose one and write an essay of no more than 500 words. We ask that the essay be presented first in English, but if you feel more comfortable writing in another language, write your essay in that language as well, and we will find an appropriate translator. AGAIN, we must see the essay in English, but we honor other languages and will be happy to read your essay in another language as well.

1. How would you define “social justice”, and what has been your personal experience with that, or with a lack of justice?
2. If you had a super-power, what would it be, and how would you use it?
3. What has been your experience in school, both positive and negative, and what spurs you to continue beyond high school?

If you would like to include a video (brief!) or a portfolio of art work (not the originals, please), we will gladly review those expressions of who you are. These would be in addition to the essay, not to replace it. Submitted materials will not be returned.

Deadline to submit your application to jclayton@djusd.net is March 15, 2023.