

TEEN TOTAL ABSTINENCE SCHOLARSHIP

AWARDED BY THE EAST OHIO CHURCH AND SOCIETY COMMITTEE



The Scholarship

A \$500 scholarship will be presented from the East Ohio Conference Church and Society Committee to a high school senior who demonstrates a commitment to having chosen to live drug and alcohol free. The scholarship is intended to support the individual's post-secondary education at a college of the recipient's choice.

Who Can Participate

Any high school senior who is an active member in a United Methodist Church within the boundaries of East Ohio Conference. The applicant must be planning to attend an institution of higher education for the 2018-2019 school year.

How To Enter

Write an essay of 2-3 pages, double-spaced (Times New Roman 12 pitch) on the topic **"WHY I CHOOSE TO BE DRUG AND ALCOHOL FREE!"** Your essay must be your own independent writing without relying on another person or information to assist your thinking or writing, other than the two possibilities listed below. Any quoted information, such as a Biblical verse, must be identified as to where you read it.

- A Bible verse or passage that has directed or otherwise been significant in your decision to abstain from drugs and alcohol.
- If a person has also been significant in guiding your decision, please describe that person and his or her influence on your decision to abstain.

How Your Essay will be Evaluated

All essays will be reviewed by a committee and evaluated on these criteria:

1. Solid focus on the applicant's understanding of and commitment to abstinence
2. Clearly stated ideas organized in a coherent pattern
3. Authentic experience
4. Attention to accuracy in spelling, punctuation, grammar, and sentence structure

How to Submit Your Essay

Your essay must be postmarked by March 17, 2018. Any application received after that date will not be considered. Essays submitted to the Church and Society Committee will not be returned, so applicants are encouraged to keep a copy for themselves. Essays submitted may be used in educational and publicity materials within the East Ohio Conference of the United Methodist Church, and by submitting your essay, you consent to such use.

Applicants will be notified by June 1, 2018 if they have been awarded a scholarship. Please do not call before that date. The name of the scholarship winner will also be presented at the 2018 Annual East Ohio Conference in Lakeside, Ohio.

MAIL YOUR ESSAY TO:

Teen Total Abstinence Scholarship
East Ohio Conference of the United Methodist Church
P.O. Box 2800
North Canton, OH 44720
ATTN: Kelley Gifford

This contest encourages and supports youth who have chosen wellness without drugs and alcohol, and helps place advocates of total abstinence in institutions of higher education.

TEEN TOTAL ABSTINENCE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Please Type:

Name			
Address			
City, State, Zip Code			
Phone		Email	
High School you are attending		City	
Church		District	
College you plan to attend 2018-19			

With my signature, I attest to the originality of my work as submitted, and I agree that excerpts or the entirety of my work may be publicized by the East Ohio Conference

(Signature)

(Date)

(Pastor's Signature)

(Date)

NOTE: A recommendation from your pastor is required in order for this application to be considered by the Committee. The Pastor's recommendation may be emailed with this application or separately mailed to the EOC Conference address identified above.