



The Four Chaplains Memorial Foundation Dr. Fred K. Honigman National Student Essay & Scholarship Program Application Guidelines 2023 – 2024

INTRODUCTION:

The Four Chaplains Memorial Foundation exists to further the cause of “Selfless Service” and “Unity without Uniformity” by encouraging goodwill and cooperation among all people. Since 1951, the foundation has sponsored the National Student Essay & Scholarship program for students in the grades 5th – 12th. The essay is designed to challenge young people to understand the values of interfaith cooperation and selfless service modeled by the Four Chaplains and Charles W. David Jr. The contest provides a forum for young people to express their views on the benefits of working together in a diverse world. In 2017, the award was named after a former board member, Dr. Fred K. Honigman, who was an integral part in promoting the program.

APPLICATION GUIDELINES:

The essay application consists of an application cover page and essay. Applications and essays not completed and submitted properly by the deadline will be disqualified. Use your creativity when expressing your answers to the five questions listed below:

1. Who were the Four Chaplains and why is their story such a good example of selfless service and interfaith cooperation?
2. Who is Charles W. David Jr. and what role does he play in the story of the sinking of the U.S.A.T. Dorchester and the Four Chaplains?
3. How does “Selfless Service” play a role in your everyday life and future goals?
4. The Four Chaplains gave up their life jackets to help others. Who has been a “life saver” in your life or someone whose actions have helped shape your life in a positive way?
5. In the Army Chaplain Corps we often say, “Chaplains are called to serve others.” What do you think you will do with your life in support of others? In other words, what are you “called” to do?

IMPORTANT DATES:

Start Date: Labor Day, September 4, 2023

Deadline: Military Child's Day, April 15, 2024

AWARDS:

The number of yearly scholarship awards and the individual amounts vary each year based on funding. If you are a prior scholarship recipient, you can only enter in the next eligible age category. All participants will receive a "Certificate of Recognition" and a letter of acknowledgment. Good luck, we are looking forward to reading your essay.

The 2023 – 2024 Scholarship Awards will be distributed as follows in the form of a check in the amount indicated below:

<u>12th-graders:</u>	1 st = \$1,000	2 nd = \$750	3 rd = \$500	4 th = \$250
<u>9th-11th graders:</u>	1 st = \$750	2 nd = \$500	3 rd = \$250	4 th = \$125
<u>5th-8th graders:</u>	1 st = \$500	2 nd = \$250	3 rd = \$ 125	4 th = \$75

ESSAY:

All essays must be original and not plagiarized. **All entries must be typed, in a WORD document (NOT PDF), double-spaced, one-inch margins on each side, 500 words or less (5th-11th graders), 1000 words or less (12th graders) in 12 pt. black Arial font.** Submissions will be judged on imagination, grammar, spelling, presentation, and relevance to the five questions. Date both the application form and cover page. The cover page should contain the title of your essay, student's full name, complete address with zip code, phone number and email address. (Feel free to retype the application form.) **Finally, please indicate the specific word count for your essay.**

The application, cover page and essay must be completed in its entirety and **emailed by April 15, 2024, to the Four Chaplains Memorial Foundation.**

No late entries will be accepted.

Subject Line: National Student Essay and Scholarship Program 2023 – 2024

Email: chapel@fourchaplains.org

Notes:

- An email will be sent back indicating receipt.
- The selection committee will review all essays by May 1, 2024, and select the top four essays in each grade category.
- For more information on the Four Chaplains Memorial Organization, please visit our website: www.fourchaplains.org
- If you have any questions, please **contact us at: 215-218-1943 or chapel@fourchaplains.org**
- **The Four Chaplains Memorial Foundation reserves the right to display, publish or distribute any submission and each becomes the property of the foundation.**



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Deadline: April 15, 2024

(Please Type or Print Application)

Application Information:

Name: _____

Current Grade 2023-24 School Year (Circle One): 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

School Information:

School Name: _____

School Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

School Phone: _____

School Principal/Teacher or Counselor: _____

School Principal/Teacher or Counselor's Email: _____

Acknowledgement:

*I have personally prepared this application/essay and certify that the information is accurate and complete.

Signature of Applicant

Date

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Date Received: _____ Staff: _____



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ESSAY CHECKLIST:

Note: You **DO NOT** have to submit this checklist with your essay.

1. ____ Completed the Application Sheet (Typed or Printed)
2. ____ Completed the Cover Page
3. ____ Completed the Essay
 - a. ____ Typed in a WORD document
 - b. ____ Indicate the Word Count at the end of the essay
 - c. ____ 12 Point – Black Ink – Arial Font
 - d. ____ Essay should be 500 words or less (5th-11th graders)
 - e. ____ Essay should be 1000 words or less (12th graders)
 - f. ____ 1” margins
 - g. ____ Double Spaced
 - h. ____ Essay should answer all of the 5 Questions
4. ____ Essay should be submitted by the deadline of April 15, 2024
5. ____ Email the Application, Cover Page and Essay to:
chapel@fourchaplains.org
6. If you have any questions, please contact Michelle at: 215-218-1943 or email her at chapel@fourchaplains.org

Good luck and thank you for taking the time to participate in the Four Chaplains Memorial Foundation Essay and Scholarship Contest.