



THE FOUR CHAPLAINS' MEMORIAL FOUNDATION
Dr. Fred K. Honigman National Student Scholarship
Application Guidelines 2025-2026

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 1950, the foundation has sponsored the National Student Scholarship Essay competition for students in 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 National Student Scholarship Competition.

GUIDELINES:

Applicants: Please note there are two pieces to the application package. The application and the essay guidelines. Please complete the application in its entirety. Applications not completed and submitted properly and by the deadline will be disqualified. Use your creativity to express what “Service to Others” means to you based upon the information provided below.

Theme: Celebrating the 75th Anniversary of the Chapel of Four Chaplains (1951 - 2026):

In 2026 the Chapel of Four Chaplains will celebrate its 75th anniversary in Philadelphia. On February 3, 1951, the original Chapel of Four Chaplains opened its doors on the campus of Temple University. It was built as a “living monument” to the story of the Four Chaplains and their acts of selfless service.

- 1. How is the story of the Four Chaplains an example of selfless service and interfaith cooperation?**
- 2. How would you define selfless service and interfaith cooperation? Give an example.**
- 2. Does “selfless service” play a role in your everyday life and future goals?**
- 4. In the Army Chaplain Corps we often say, “Chaplains are called to serve.” Can people other than chaplains be “called to serve”?**
- 5. What do you think you are “called” to do in the future?**

Start Date: Labor Day “Ring a Bell for a Rosie Day” – Monday, SEP 1, 2025

Deadline: Wednesday, APR 01, 2026

Note: The number of yearly scholarships and the individual amounts vary each year based on funding. If you are a prior scholarship winner, you can only enter the next eligible age category. All participants will receive a “Certificate of Recognition” a Four Chaplains commemorative 75th anniversary pin and a letter of acknowledgement for entering the contest. Good Luck and we are looking forward to reading your essays!

AWARDS:

The 2025-2026 Awards will be distributed as follows in the form of a check in the amount indicated:

12th-graders: First – \$1,000 Second – \$750 Third – \$500 Fourth - \$250

9th–11th graders: First – \$750 Second – \$500 Third – \$250 Fourth \$100

5th–8th graders: First – \$500 Second – \$250 Third – \$100 Fourth - \$50

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, 12pt black Arial font.** Submissions will be judged on imagination, grammar, spelling, presentation, and relevance to the questions. Date both the entry form and cover page. The cover page should contain the title of your essay, the student’s full name, complete address with zip code, phone number and email address. (Feel free to retype the entry form and cover page) Finally, **you must indicate the specific word count for your essay.**

Each entry application must also contain the name of the school principal, guidance counselor or teacher, along with school name, complete address with zip code, telephone number with area code, fax number with area code and school email address. If you are home schooled, then the name of a parent can be substituted for the principal, counselor or teacher.

DEADLINE: (April 01, 2026)

The application must be completed in its entirety along with the supporting materials and **emailed by April 01, 2026, to the Four Chaplains Memorial Foundation. No late entries will be accepted.**

Subject Line: National Student Scholarship Program 2025-26

Email: chapel@fourchaplains.org

An email will be sent back indicating receipt.

The selection committee will review all applications for completeness. A panel of board members and volunteers will select the four scholarship recipients in each grade category.

For more information on the organization, please visit our **website at www.fourchaplains.org** or join us on Facebook.

Thank you for accepting the challenge and we are looking forward to reading your essay!
Questions please contact us at: 215-218-1943 or chapel@fourchaplains.org

2025-2026 SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION APPLICATION

DUE DATE: April 01, 2026

(Please Print or Type Application)

Applicant Information:

Name: _____ Grade: _____

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 or Teacher: _____

School Principal or Teacher Email: _____

Acknowledgement:

*I have personally prepared this application/essay and certify that the information is accurate. (You can either e-sign/sign page and scan document or type in your name if you rewrite this page)

Signature of Applicant Date

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Date Received: _____ Staff: _____

Chapel of the Four Chaplains

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Phone: 215-218-1943 Email: chapel@fourchaplains.org Fax: 215-218-1949

CHECK LIST FOR STUDENTS

Note: You do not have to submit this checklist with your entry.

1. ____ Completed the Application Sheet (Printed or Typed)
2. ____ Completed a Cover Page
3. ____ Completed the Essay
 - i. ____ Typed in a WORD Document
 - ii. ____ 12 Point – Black Ink – Arial Font
 - iii. ____ Essay should be 500 words or less
 - iv. ____ 1" page margins
 - v. ____ Double-spaced
4. ____ Essay answer to the Five Questions:
5. ____ Submitted by Deadline: April 15, 2025
6. ____ Email the Application and Essay to: chapel@fourchaplains.org
7. If you have any questions, please contact Michelle at the chapel. Phone: 215-218-1943 or
chapel@fourchaplains.org

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