

Free Spirit Gathering 2010 • Community Scholarship Program

Free Spirit Gathering is pleased to announce its 7th annual Community Scholarship Program. FSG is one of the country's largest and oldest Pagan Gatherings. Each year in June, we bring together 700 or so people to exchange ideas, share knowledge and become community. This program is an outgrowth of our belief that through education and knowledge, fear and mistrust are diminished; and the fact that our children are the future of our community.

The program consists of one or two \$500 awards to students in a program of higher learning leading to a degree or certificate. Pursuing a traditional program of study at a traditional college or university is not required; enrollment in, for example, a therapeutic massage program, holistic healing program, or other non-traditional program is allowed.

The selection committee is made up of two members of the Free Spirit Alliance and two members of the larger Pagan Community. We review the applications, with emphasis on the essay section, and highest scoring candidate(s) are selected. In the event that the selection committee cannot reach a decision, the top candidates are referred to the Board of Trustees of Free Spirit Alliance for final determination.

Even though the scholarship is given by a Pagan organization, it is open to students from any religious background. We feel the character, ideals and values of the individual are more important than his/her religious affiliation.

Applications must be postmarked by Friday, April 16, 2010. Candidates will be notified by May 14, 2010. In addition to the cash award, the selected candidate(s) will be offered a complimentary admission to Free Spirit Gathering, June 15–20, 2010, where the award will be presented.

If you have more questions about these scholarships, visit us online at <http://www.freespiritgathering.org/scholarship/> or send email to the Scholarship Coordinator at scholarship@free-spirit.org

Please mail applications to
Free Spirit Gathering Scholarship
629 Brunswick Pike
Lambertville NJ 08530

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Personal Information:

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Email: _____

Phone: _____

In the 2010–11 school year I will be entering my _____ year.

Intended/Current School _____ Intended/Current Major: _____

H.S./College Name: _____ HS/College Phone: _____

HS/College Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

If in HS, Principal's Name: _____ If in HS, Guidance Counselor's Name: _____

HS/College GPA: _____ HS Class Rank: _____ out of _____. SAT Math: _____ SAT Verbal: _____

Academic and Community Activities:

Please list any activities that you participate in. These can be school-related, spiritually-related, or community-related. Please include dates you are/were active and a contact for each.

Activity: _____

Contact: _____ Dates: _____

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Personal Essays:

Please answer the questions 'Why I should be selected to receive this award' and 'How my intended major/career choice will allow me to further Pagan ideals.'

If you're submitting your essays on paper, please format them single-sided, double-spaced, using a standard font at 12 point.

Letters of Recommendation:

Please submit three letters of recommendation using the form provided.

Certification:

We certify that all information submitted in this application is true and correct. (If applicant is under age 18, then parent or guardian must also sign.)

Applicant: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____

How did you hear about the Free Spirit Community Scholarship? _____

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Web: <http://www.FreeSpiritGathering.org/scholarship/>

Please check your application to make sure that you've included all information, recommendations, signatures and your two essays. Free Spirit Gathering reserves the right to use excerpts from the winning application in its promotion of the scholarship program. Winners' names will not be used without express permission.

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Recommendation Form

In the space below, please provide as honest and objective a reference for the applicant as possible. This scholarship is not based on financial need or academics, but on subtler values that are sometimes hard to quantify, e.g., trust; community service; a strong sense of personal ethics and values; as well as the more standard criteria of leadership, motivation and aptitude.

If this is an open recommendation, please return it to the applicant to be included with his/her application packet. If this is a closed recommendation, please mail this form to Free Spirit Community Scholarship, 629 Brunswick Pike, Lambertville, NJ 08530 or email this information to Scholarship@FreeSpiritGathering.org. Please use additional paper if needed, and please remember that the postmark deadline for scholarship applications is 16 Apr 2010.

Applicant's Name: _____ Reference's Name: _____

Reference's address: _____

Reference's Phone: _____ Reference's E-mail: _____

Relationship to Applicant: _____

(Reference should not be a relative)

