



Instructions:

Please complete the attached application and submit it to the Financial Aid Office by May 1, 2020. So that the scholarship selection committee may have access to your transcript, be sure to sign your application before you submit it. You may answer questions using a separate sheet of paper, if necessary.

Who may apply for this scholarship?

The J. Charles Merrill Peace and Justice Endowed Scholarship is awarded to students who meet Southwestern University's requirement for financial assistance and is administered by the Financial Aid Office with advice from the University Chaplain and the Vice President for Student Life. Preference will be given to students who have completed at least two years of full-time enrollment, are pre-ministerial students, and/or who have demonstrated interest in activities or occupations which promote peace and justice locally, nationally or globally. Furthermore, preference may be given to students who are members of the United Methodist Church.

What is the amount of the scholarship and how many are available?

The scholarship amount is \$3,000, to be disbursed at a maximum rate of \$1,500 per semester during the regular academic year. There will be one Merrill Scholarship awarded for the 2020-21 academic year.

What is the duration of the scholarship?

The Merrill Scholarship is awarded annually and is good for one academic year. The scholarship must be used during the regular academic year. The scholarship may not be used for summer school or for any type of program where SU funds may not be used, such as non-SU study abroad programs or the GLCA New York Semester.

Is the scholarship renewable?

The Merrill Scholarship is awarded for one year only and is not renewable. However, previous recipients may re-apply each year to be considered along with all other applicants for that year.

How are the recipients selected?

Applications are solicited through campus-wide announcements. Scholarship candidates will identify themselves. Candidates complete a scholarship application, which is submitted to the Financial Aid Office by 5pm on May 1, 2020. Applications are reviewed by a selection committee, which determines the recipient of the award. All applicants will be notified of their final status in writing by June 1, 2020.



Application Deadline: May 1st

Name _____

Local Address _____

Primary Phone Number _____ Alternate Phone Number _____

Primary E-mail Address _____ Alternate E-mail Address _____

Current Cumulative GPA: _____ Current number of hours earned: _____

Current Major: _____ Minor: _____

If you are an undecided major, please indicate your area(s) of academic interest:

In addition to this application, please respond to the questions below. Your responses may be attached on a separate sheet of paper.

1. What has been your experience working with peace and justice issues during your time at Southwestern?

2. What are your career goals related to peace and justice issues?

3. Please provide a detailed listing of any student activities, leadership roles, committees, employment experiences, community service, or any other significant activities in which you have been involved while attending Southwestern University. Also, indicate any honors, recognitions, or awards you have received while attending Southwestern University. In lieu of such a listing, you may attach a resume that contains this information.

Signature Section:

With my signature below, I certify that the information provided above is true and correct, and represents my own work. I authorize the release of my grades and any additional pertinent information to the scholarship committee for the purpose of evaluating my scholarship eligibility. I understand that providing this information is subject to Southwestern's Honor Code and that any misrepresentation of my information will subject me to possible disciplinary action and disqualify me from this scholarship.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____