Goose Creek Friends Meeting Scholarship ° Jane Pancoast Shepherd Scholarship

Application Form, Academic Year 2020-2021

Read all pages. Complete sections 1-6. Questions? Email: goose.creek.scholarships@gmail.com

**Section 1: About You**

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| Name: |       | Birth Year: |       |
| Mailing Address:  |       |  |  |
| City:  |       | State:    | ZIP:  |       |
| Email: |       |  |  |
| Home Phone: |       | Mobile Phone: |       |  |  |

**You must inform us if any of the above changes during the year. Email goose.creek.scholarships@gmail.com**

## Section 2: School Plans

 ex. Sophomore

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| Current School:  |        | Year: |       |
| School Address:  |       |  |
| Adviser/Teacher Contact Information:  |       |  |

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| First Choice College/University:  |       | [ ]  applied [ ] accepted |
| Other Choices:  |       | [ ]  applied [ ] accepted |
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## Section 3: Financial Plans

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| **Estimated Costs Per Year** | **Estimate Resources For The Upcoming Year (if known)** |
| Tuition: |       |  | Personal Savings: |       |
| Books:  |       |  | Family Help:  |       |
| Room:  |        |  | Loans:  |       |
| Board:  |       |  | Scholarships:  |       |
| Other:  |       |  | Grants:  |       |
|  |  | Awards:  |       |

[ ]  I currently receive aid from the Jane Pancoast Shepherd Scholarship Fund or Goose Creek Scholarship Fund.

## Section 4: More about you

Please list all extracurricular activities (school clubs, teams, volunteer/community service activities, etc) including dates of participation. Please also list any special circumstances that you would like us to be aware of. Use an extra sheet if required.

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## Section 5: Scholarship Choice

I am applying for the: *Choose one or both, as appropriate*

[ ]  **Jane Pancoast Shepherd Scholarship Fund:** Jane’s wish was that students from Loudoun County be provided with assistance in their education. Any accredited college or graduate program qualifies as well as George School, in Newtown, PA (which Jane attended).

[ ]  **Goose Creek Scholarship Fund:** The Goose Creek Scholarship fund awards grants to students primarily from Goose Creek Meeting and the greater Lincoln community seeking education after high school.

If you have any questions about eligibility, please email goose.creek.scholarships@gmail.com .

## Section 6: Print and Sign

**Please complete the form on your computer. Once complete, print pages 1 and 2. Sign and date the printed copy. You must bring the signed copy and your latest transcript to the writing session on Saturday, March 7, 2020 at Goose Creek Meeting.**

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| Signature: |  | Date: |  |

### FAQ

# What is the process?

1. Email us at goose.creek.scholarships@gmail.com and let us know that you’re applying.
2. Fill out pages 1 and 2 of this form, **print pages 1 and 2, and sign** **the printed copy,** making sure to include all required information.
3. Obtain your most recent official school transcript. If mailing is required, transcripts may be sent to PO Box 105, Lincoln, VA 20160. **Act quickly – these often take time to get.**
4. **Bring your printed and signed application and sealed transcript to the essay writing day at Goose Creek Meetinghouse Saturday, March 7, 2020, at 9:30 a.m.** The Meetinghouse is just south of Purcellville, at 18204 Lincoln Road. **You must submit your completed application by March 7.**

Can’t attend in person? See below to arrange to write and submit your essay online.

Applicants and committee members will discuss a topic for approximately one hour. Following the discussion, applicants will be required to write an essay to be submitted before leaving. Writing will be complete by 12:30 PM. Light breakfast foods, tea, coffee, and snacks are provided. You may write on a laptop or other device, but remember you’ll be offline: there are neither power outlets nor internet service where you’ll be writing.

The committee will make all attempts to have **decisions made by May 1**.

# I can’t be in Lincoln on Saturday, March 7, 2020.

Attending the group discussion and writing session in person is the best way to apply. However, if you are currently in college far away, have a job that you cannot schedule around, or have some other compelling reason why you are unable to attend the discussion, you may be permitted to apply remotely. **You must contact us BEFORE March 7, 2020** to be considered for remote application. If you have not made arrangements before March 7, you will not be permitted to apply this year - NO exceptions.

1. Email goose.creek.scholarships@gmail.com, requesting remote application, explaining your need, and describing your availability for an online writing session sometime between March 7 and March 14, 2020.
2. If your request is approved, please send your printed application and transcript via US Mail to: Goose Creek Friends Scholarships, PO Box 105, Lincoln, VA, 20160.  **Act Now. Your application must be received by March 7, 2020 in order for it to be considered.**
3. Commit to one of the online writing appointment sessions that will be scheduled. Every reasonable attempt will be made to accommodate your schedule, but you must be flexible. All remote sessions must be completed by March 14.

The online sessions are individual versions of the group discussion and writing session, but you will miss a lot of thought-provoking discussion. Applicants must set aside three hours to be online and alone during which they will be given the discussion topic and some notes about the discussion. After reading through notes and taking time for consideration, applicants write their essays and submit them via email within the given timeframe.

A scholarship committee member is available during the session by phone, email, and Skype for questions or clarifications.

# More About Estimated Resources.

We realize that it’s not possible to know in January exactly how much you will have and need for the next year, but ask that you make your best effort. Many people parcel out savings over the course of their education, so estimate your contribution for this year only.

# Why must I apply for a specific scholarship?

Quakers have historically been strong believers in education, and Goose Creek Friends Meeting has supported education in our community for over 200 years. Across the road from our meetinghouse is Oakdale School, built by the Meeting in 1815 as a public school and one of the first integrated schools in Virginia.

Over many years, members of the Meeting and the local community have entrusted funds to the Meeting to further education. Some of these gifts came with specific goals in mind, so we must ask you to apply for the scholarships matching your situation.

#### The Goose Creek Friends Meeting Scholarship Fund

Mabel and Arthur Lybolt were leaders in the Meeting for decades. Mabel was a member of the Nichols family who was an advocate for peace. She spoke weekly in Meeting for Worship during World War II and frequently supported conscientious objectors. A graduate of University of Michigan, Mabel taught Latin at Lincoln High School and helped many students with their Latin homework. Active in the WCTU, based in Lincoln, she helped students prepare their recitations for the Loyal Temperance League’s annual contest. Her husband, Arthur, was likewise active in the Meeting offering profound messages in Meeting for worship. They left a portion of their estate to establish the Lybolt Fund which has helped many Goose Creek scholars with their college expenses over the years.

Thomas Brown grew up in the Purcellville and Lincoln area and was active in Goose Creek Meeting for many years before moving to Michigan. He always felt a strong tie to Goose Creek and never transferred his membership. Upon his death in the mid-1980’s he left part of his estate to Goose Creek Meeting, and the Meeting decided to use the money to establish the Thomas Brown Scholarship Fund. It was used to supplement the Lybolt Scholarship.

The Annie Bridges Gibson Scholarship money is in memory of Annie Gibson, and her son Bill. The Gibson family, with a long history of weekends and summers in Lincoln, is committed to helping local students with their post-high school education.

Recently, funds from the Edward Nichols Charitable Trust were donated to the Meeting Scholarship Fund. Edward Nichols, of the same family as Mabel Lybolt, established the Trust in 1920 to fund awards in Lincoln schools.  In 2014, at the recommendation of the Nichols family, the trustees decided to transfer the assets to the Meeting's Scholarship Program.

These four funds have been combined to award limited grants to students from Goose Creek Meeting and the greater Lincoln community.

#### The Jane Pancoast Shepherd Scholarship Fund

Jane Pancoast Shepherd was a lifelong Quaker who was helped by Quaker friends to achieve her education at George School and William and Mary College. She cared a great deal about providing that help in return for others. She bequeathed her estate to create the Jane Pancoast Shepherd Scholarship Fund to aid students from Loudoun County attend accredited colleges and graduate schools as well as to attend George School. The first scholarships were awarded in 2006.