

**WEST RICHMOND FRIENDS MEETING  
APPLICATION FOR SCHOLARSHIP**

Name:  Date:

E-mail:  Phone #:

Applying for:  Bly Scholarship Fund  Parker Scholarship Fund

*\* Unsure? Read further in the application for more info!*

Have you applied for scholarships from West Richmond Friends Meeting before?

No  Yes. \*\*If yes: When'

Activity/program for which you are applying for scholarship funds:

Amount of money needed:

Sponsor/organizer of activity/program:

Sponsor/organizer address:

Sponsor/organizer phone #:

Dates of your participation:

Deadline for payment\*:

*\*Return completed form to the Scholarship Committee Clerk at least one month before deadline.*

**Return the completed form to the Clerk of the Scholarship Committee at least one month before funds are needed.** The committee needs time to meet and to consider your proposal, and to authorize the Meeting's Paying Treasurer to issue a check to the sponsor; time is also needed for your check to be received by mail by the sponsor and to be processed by that organization.

Please return this application to the Scholarship Committee.

**Please write a paragraph or so specifying why you want to participate in this activity.** Indicate how it may enrich your spiritual/religious growth. Suggest ways in which you might share your experience with other members of the Meeting. Are you proposing a project that will nurture the spiritual life of the Meeting or of others? If so, how? If you have a brochure or letter from the sponsor/organization, please attach a copy. Are you applying for financial support from any other sources? Please explain. Be specific.

**At the end of your project, what kind of a public, summary report (required of Bly Fund recipients only) of your project will you provide?** Possibilities include but are not limited to reporting to Monthly Meeting, an article in the *Friendly Visitor*, or a Children's Story at Meeting for Worship. If written, your summary should be about one-half page and suitable for publication in the *Friendly Visitor* and other bulletins. This brief report should let an uninformed individual or committee understand quickly and easily what you did. As you prepare your summary, think about these sorts of questions: What did you do? When did you do it? What were the highlights, especially spiritually or religiously, of your experience? How did this project change or improve your spiritual life? Do you think the experience will help you in any way to help others? If so, how? The failure to report about your project can jeopardize your chances for a successful future application.

West Richmond Friends Meeting has two sources of scholarship funds, the **Eleanor Bly Scholarship Fund** and the **Parker Scholarship Fund**. The management of the income of these two funds is under the direction of the Scholarship Committee appointed by the Monthly Meeting.

(Scholarship funds will be paid to the sponsoring organization except in unusual cases; in this case, you may be required to submit a statement accounting for how you spent the funds. No funds will be issued unless the applicants meet the official guidelines of the sponsoring organization.)

## **Eleanor Bly Scholarship Fund**

This scholarship fund was established in March 1992, with funds from a bequest from the estate of Eleanor Bly. \$50,000 was set aside for this purpose with the income to be used for scholarships. The scholarship is designed to reflect Eleanor Bly's longtime teaching career, her love of Quaker institutions, and her interest in encouraging people, especially young people.

The Eleanor Bly Scholarship Fund is designed to support members and regular, on-going attenders who wish to participate in **Quaker-sponsored activities** such as work camps, seminars, retreats, conferences, Quaker Youth Pilgrimages, and similar activities that will enhance the life of the Meeting.

The committee takes special effort to encourage **Young Friends** to take advantage of these opportunities. If desired, the Scholarship Committee will be glad to consult with young people about their application. Preference will be given to education and opportunities related to Quakerism or strengthening the life of the Meeting.

Applications are received any time throughout the year, but funds are limited. Support for requests also depends on availability of funds, priorities, and the number of applications. Please note that recipients may receive only **one grant per year** unless there are funds remaining at the end of the calendar year.

## **Parker Scholarship Fund**

The Parker Scholarship Fund was established in 1995 with funds from a bequest from the estate of John & Elizabeth Parker, who were long-time members of the meeting and maintained their interest in what the meeting was doing to meet the educational and spiritual needs of its young people. \$40,000 was set aside for this fund as a permanent endowment. The income from this endowment is used in the following ways:

1. One-half of the investment income will go to **Richmond Friends School** for use as scholarships. In awarding scholarships, the school will give preference to the children of West Richmond Friends members and attenders. The West Richmond Friends Scholarship Committee will expect an annual report from Richmond Friends School to indicate how the funds were disbursed.
2. The other half of the investment income will go to West Richmond Friends members or attenders to attend **Earlham School of Religion** or **any other Friends secondary school or college**. The committee may carry funds over from year-to-year and exercise its judgment about the size of awards. Applications are received beginning March 1 of the current year, and the committee awards funds until they are dispersed.

The mission statement for West Richmond Friends Meeting may be useful in thinking about your project:  
*As a Christian Quaker community, we seek to discover God's truth, proclaim God's love and live our faith.*

The Scholarship Committee,  
Randall Shrock, *Clerk*  
Tom Hamm  
Sarah Northrop