

BARBARA COFFMAN
PEACE AND JUSTICE
AWARD

A YATES PROGRESSIVES AWARD OF \$500

For the 12th year, the Yates Progressives will, in June 2019, present a Peace and Justice Award to one graduating senior from Dundee Junior-Senior High School and one from Penn Yan Academy. This is an award, grades are not considered, and applicants do not need to be going on to college. Winning students will be selected because they have made a difference in their school, the community, the country, or even on a global level; and they will have demonstrated leadership and initiative to further peace, tolerance, and justice. For the first time, winners will receive an increased award of \$500.

The Peace and Justice Award is named for Progressives member, Barbara Coffman, who suggested it as a demonstration of the mission of this informal group of citizens. The Progressives meet monthly for education, discussion, and understanding of topics of public interest. Anyone interested in the Progressives is invited to visit a meeting (usually the evening of the third Sunday of the month) or attend a program sponsored by the organization. Officers are Barbara Stewart, chair; Lynn Overgaard, vice chair; and Jørgen Overgaard, treasurer.

EXAMPLES OF PAST PROJECTS

As a trained *Natural Helper*, worked to identify and assist students experiencing serious problems.

Initiated a school program to stop destructive behavior such as bullying.

Revitalized the Grandma's Kitchen After-School Program.

Advocated for the rights of others, such as the homeless and disabled.

Tutored immigrants and illiterate adults to help them avail themselves of community resources.

Created songs, artworks, posters, or poems that expressed a message of peace and justice.

Started the Gay-Straight Alliance Club to foster understanding and acceptance among high school students.

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APPLICATION

Name _____ Date _____

Street _____ Apartment _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone _____ E-Mail _____

High School _____ Graduating Year _____

School Activities _____

WITH THIS APPLICATION, PLEASE SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING:

- A written statement of about 250 words specifically describing your accomplishments in the area of peace and justice.
- Samples of your work for peace and justice if it takes an artistic, musical or written form.
- A letter of recommendation from a teacher, employer or another adult who knows you. The letter must be specific to your commitment and work toward peace and justice.
- Your high school transcript (grades are not a criterion).

Applications must be submitted to Dundee or Penn Yan guidance counselors' offices no later than Monday, May 13, 2019. Questions can go to Barbara Stewart at 315-536-8079 or BStew@Roadrunner.com. Applications will be reviewed and winners selected by the Peace and Justice Award Committee of Yates Progressives.