

**Vidyalaya, Inc.**  
**Increasing Cross-Cultural Awareness and Understanding**  
**2015-16 Scholarship Application**

Applicant's Name:

Name of High School:

Grade:

Applicant's E-mail Address:

Applicant's Street Address:

City, State, Zip:

Telephone: (     )

Vidyalaya, Inc. is a non-profit, volunteer-run organization based in Parsippany, NJ. We operate a heritage school with the purpose of educating children in three key areas: languages, culture and dharma of India.

We believe that in an increasingly interdependent and fast-paced world, parents, teachers and community leaders must cooperate to prepare children for world citizenship. We deem proficiency in the world languages and an understanding and appreciation of various cultures and their values as important components of children's education which help them to not only develop an understanding and regard for fellow humans, but also to face life's challenges with confidence.

Vidyalaya wishes to recognize outstanding efforts and innovative ideas of high school seniors in helping to increase cross-cultural awareness and understanding. To this end, we are offering two scholarships in the amount of \$500 each, to a senior from PHS and a senior from PHHS.

Eligibility Requirements (Children of Vidyalaya legal members and board of trustees are not eligible):

1. Parsippany High or Parsippany Hills High School senior student
2. Community/Volunteer Service – minimum 40 hours service must with the same organization.

Please Attach:

1. A copy of your transcript
2. A list of your volunteer experiences. For each activity include: name of organization, location, dates served, total hours volunteered per week, duties and responsibilities, and any leadership positions held. Please highlight any volunteer experience that you have had in increasing cross-cultural awareness. However, all volunteer experience will be considered.
3. Letter(s) of recommendation regarding your main volunteer activity, written by someone of authority at the volunteer organization which you have served or at your school.
4. Filled out short essay questions (see below)
5. Additional relevant information you wish to share.

**Your completed application must be received by May 2, 2016.**

Please send to: Vidyalaya, Inc., Attn: Scholarship Committee, P.O.Box 775, Morris Plains, NJ 07950  
or email to: [scholarship@vidyalaya.us](mailto:scholarship@vidyalaya.us)

Winners will be notified by May 25, 2016.

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**SCHOLARSHIP QUESTIONNAIRE**

(Please adhere to the word limit)

1. In your opinion, what is the fundamental cause (or origination) of misunderstandings between people of different ethnicities? (Maximum 100 words)
2. What are your plans for receiving education beyond high school? (Maximum 100 words).
3. Hypothetically, if you were provided a budget of \$5000, what projects and activities would you undertake to increase cross-cultural awareness at the local community level? (Maximum 250 words).