

The Vivian Castleberry Trailblazer Scholarship
Castleberry Peace Institute
Application Due Date: February 28, 2021

The Castleberry Peace Institute is pleased to announce the new Vivian Castleberry Trailblazer Scholarship. The Trailblazer Scholarship supports advanced students who have demonstrated an aptitude for leadership on political, economic social issues especially as they pertain to the role of women in local, national and international efforts to advance peace and justice, especially in areas and countries where there are critical needs. **The scholarship is for \$4,000 for one academic year.**

Eligibility: The following criteria are required for consideration for the Vivian Castleberry Trailblazer Scholarship: Students must 1) have earned at least 60 semester credit hours and are not graduating before May 2122; 2) have at least a 3.0 overall grade point average; 3) have a documented interest and involvement in work related to peacebuilding, peaceful communities in Texas, the United States or around the world, most especially as it affects women; and 4) have demonstrated an interest in and aptitude for leadership.

Application process: Students must provide the following to apply for the scholarship: 1) completed application form; 2) unofficial transcripts; 3) at least three letters of reference that speak to their leadership potential and experience, desire to make a difference in the world, and their plans to pursue a career in leadership involving issues of peace and justice; 4) a statement of purpose regarding the student's interest, experience and plans for a project to be pursued during the Scholarship year. ***Students will be notified by April 15 of the outcome of the selection process.***

The Statement of Purpose will describe 1) the student's interest and experience in leadership on issues pertaining to peace and justice; and 2) a project the student will complete during the academic year of the scholarship that is expected to have an impact on peace and justice in the local community, state, US or another country. The project should live up to the spirit of Vivian Castleberry who was a trailblazing journalist and peacemaker who sought to cultivate leaders throughout her life who went on to make a difference in the world. The project envisioned in the Statement of Purpose may be an ongoing or new project; done alone or with a group; and may or may not be entirely complete at the end of the academic year for which the student is awarded the scholarship. Examples of such projects might include: 1) starting a project to help the homeless in Denton; 2) taking on a leadership role in a community organization to help abused women and children; 3) organizing a supply drive to help immigrants seeking asylum in the US; 4) engaging in similar such projects in other countries; and other topics that students might wish to assume a leadership position. Students should consult with Prof. Meernik (meernik@unt.edu) if they have any questions about the suitability of a project.

Expectations. Awardees are expected to present their final and finished proposal to CPI Director by September 1 of the academic year in which the student is an awardee. Awardees will work and consult with the Director of the Castleberry Peace Institute on a weekly basis. Failure to maintain satisfactory progress on the project because of missed meetings, failure to do work or other problems may result in revocation of the scholarship. No later than April 30 of the scholarship year, awardees will present to the Director of the Castleberry Peace Institute and other stakeholders their completed project. The form the project takes—community work, research paper, documentary, etc. will determine the nature of the submission. Every spring semester during the month of April student award winners are required to make a formal presentation

to the university and local community on what they have accomplished during their scholarship year. The CPI Director will arrange the day and venue for the presentation.

Selection Process: Awardees will be selected by a committee whose membership will be representative of the fields of Political Science and chosen by the Director of the Castleberry Peace Institute in consultation with the Department Chair and the Johnie Christian Family Peace Professor. Students will notified by e-mail regarding the outcome of the selection process. *Students will be notified by April 15 of the outcome of the selection process.*

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Cover Sheet for Application

A. STUDENT INFORMATION

Name _____
ID # _____
E-mail _____
Telephone _____
Major(s) _____

B. APPLICATION

Please submit this application cover sheet to which you have attached the following documents:

1. A transcript of all college work to date; (Unofficial is fine.)
2. Your statement of purpose

C Three letters of recommendation, at least two of which must be from faculty at the University of North Texas. One letter must be from a faculty member in the Department of Political Science. Please note, your letters of recommendation must be sent by your letter writers directly to Prof. Meernik (meernik@unt.edu). Applications and letters of reference must be received via email to meernik@unt.edu by 5 p.m. on February 28, 2021. Students will be notified of the outcome of the selection process by e-mail by April 15, 2021.
