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2026 APPLICATION

Tom Schneider Peacemaker Award

The Peace Education Center (PEC) is honored to annually present the Tom Schneider Peacemaker Award to graduating high school seniors who have **demonstrated** a commitment to peace and social justice through advocacy and leadership. Seniors from Ingham, Eaton, and Clinton counties and Laingsburg are eligible.

The award honors the memory of Tom Schneider, who served on the board of the Peace Education Center, and tirelessly worked for social justice and peace in our community, and in our world.

We believe that young people who work for justice and peace should be honored for their contributions toward creating a better community for all of us.

Students can apply or be nominated for this award. To be considered for the Tom Schneider Peacemaker Award, students must meet the following criteria:

- Graduate from a high school program in the mid-Michigan area in the spring of 2026.
- Describe how the nominee has led and/or advocated for social justice and peace issues – at school, in the community and beyond – and outline their plans to continue their active efforts toward peace and justice in their future endeavors.

A PEC committee, including Tom Schneider’s wife Becky Schwarz, will select the Peacemaker(s) in April. Awardees will receive a certificate and minimum award of \$500. Submit your application or nomination, along with two letters of reference, no later than **April 1, 2026**.

The application can be completed online: tinyurl.com/peacemaker-2026

The application can also be emailed to pec.peacemakeraward@gmail.com, or mailed to:

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Visit our website to learn more: www.peacedcenter.org/schneider-award

Sincerely,
Lansing Area Peace Education Center





2026 Tom Schneider Peacemaker Award

APPLICANT / NOMINEE INFORMATION

ONLINE APP



APPLICANT/NOMINEE	
Name of Applicant/Nominee:	
High School:	Graduation Date:
Address:	
Email Address:	Phone Number:

NOMINATED BY (if applicable)	
Nominator:	
Email Address:	Phone Number:

REFERENCES (attach letters of reference)

REFERENCE 1:	
Affiliation with Applicant/Nominee:	
Reference 1 Email Address:	Reference 1 Phone Number:

REFERENCE 2:	
Affiliation with Applicant/Nominee:	
Reference 2 Email Address:	Reference 2 Phone Number:

Nominee, please answer these few questions that will help us determine why you deserve recognition through the **Tom Schneider Peacemaker Award**. *Share clear evidence of social justice work and peace activism.*

1. Describe three things you did during your high school years to promote the cause of peace and justice.
2. In 12 words or less, tell us what a peaceful world means to you.
3. Name three ways a high school student can help create peace and justice in their world.
4. Who is your inspiration/hero for working for peace and justice in the world and why?
5. Why do you want to work toward peace and justice in your own circumstances and in the world?

**Note: Your answers are not limited to the space below. There is no word limit, except for question two.*