

### Introduction

Indian Hills alumnus Tom Arnold awards two scholarships to Indian Hills students each year. The scholarships award tuition, fees, required books, and required supply costs for one year (three terms). In addition, if the winners are students residing in the dormitories, an average of room and board costs will be included as part of the scholarship award.

To be eligible for the scholarships, you must compose a brief written piece (500-1,000 words) on this year's subject theme. An Indian Hills faculty committee will screen initial entries and Tom Arnold will choose the final selections himself.

#### **Please Note:**

You must compose a brief, written piece (between 500-1000 words) following the above subject theme established by Tom Arnold.

You should avoid the obscene and exaggerated use of profanities.

The screening committee will eliminate any applications with distracting grammatical, mechanical (spelling and punctuation), and typographical errors from further consideration. Therefore, it is advisable for all applicants to proofread, or have their papers proofread.

The screening committee members will disqualify themselves from judging any entry they have previously seen or proofread.

The two scholarship winners will be contacted by the Indian Hills Foundation Scholarship Coordinator in June with details of their award.

Students will retain all rights to their scholarship entries.

Deadline to complete the essay is **March 18, 2021 at 4:30 pm.**

### Essay

#### **Write a story about how Covid 19 has effected your life in a positive way.**

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#### What Covid 19 Brought to Me

Covid 19 gave me a lot of time to think. It ranges from the small things of daily life, to career choices, to the kind of person I want to be in the future. Consequently, my goals for after college became clearer. The more time I spent thinking, the more I was able to reconfirm what was valuable to me, and the more I was able to notice the form of happiness I was seeking.

I was born and raised in Tokyo, Japan. Tokyo is a big and busy city. However, I don't like big cities. I like places that are rich in nature and where time passes more slowly. It is truly a land like Iowa. Since I started living in Iowa, I have come to realize that I too would like to live in a quiet place like this in the future. However, it's not easy to make that dream come true in Japan. In Japan, jobs are so concentrated in the big cities that if I work for a big company, I have no choice but to live in the city. That's why I started out thinking that I would emigrate after I got a job at a big company and made some money. But this idea was my mistake. I was running away from my honest feelings by believing that the path that most

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Japanese people choose is the right one. It was Covid 19 that changed my mind. The pandemic has created an endless darkness in which we see no light and cannot imagine the future. Since the outbreak of Covid 19, I've been thinking about time. We are nostalgic for the past and think about the future, but I don't think time has such a concept. Time has neither past nor future, but only now. We live in the present, not the past or the future, and Covid 19 reminded me of that when I had no time to think about the future. I need to focus on what I can do now, and if there is a form of happiness that I want, I need to jump right into it, and that's what I'm going to do. This kind of mind helped me get rid of distractions.

Once you understand what you need to do, all you have to do is act. This part of my life has also had a positive impact on me. It has made it difficult for me to hang out with friends or go on trips, which has allowed me to focus on my tasks. It is very difficult to eliminate the influence of others. There is a good side to this, but there is also a bad side, such as losing my time. So, in the past few months when I have been meeting with people less frequently, I have been able to use my own time more effectively. It was this period of time that led me to my current thoughts. I have been able to spend a valuable period of time in my life deciding where I want to live and what I want to do.

After graduating from Indian Hills, I plan to return to Japan and move to a small island in northern Japan, where I plan to create a website and produce videos to introduce the area to tourists who cannot come to Japan because of Covid 19. I would like to use the English I have acquired during my time at the college to do this work. There is a problem that the population of rural Japan is decreasing year by year. However, there are still many attractions. I would like to create a product that will make tourists from overseas aware of this.

Covid 19 has had a very big impact on me. Of course, there are negative aspects, but there are many more positive aspects, such as the things I noticed and the things I was able to face myself. The sun will rise someday. There is no point in lamenting over misfortune. That's why, I will do what I can now.