Henry J. Cadbury Scholarship

This Pendle Hill Scholarship has been established as an endowment to support and encourage scholars with serious interest in Quaker faith, practice, or history to work at Pendle Hill on a specific project of significance to the Religious Society of Friends. Henry J. Cadbury, Bible scholar, Quaker historian, and Harvard professor, served Pendle Hill for 52 years as teacher, lecturer, mentor, and member of its founding committee. The scholarship which carries his name is intended to preserve and encourage the standards of academic pursuit which Henry J. Cadbury personified.

The grant provides room and board for the maximum duration of study covered by the full yearly distribution of this fund in a year at Pendle Hill – with lengthy and rigorous scholarship expected. The maximum duration for this scholarship is approximately 15 weeks. Allowance for transportation to, and other expenses while at, Pendle Hill is not included. The structure of community life at Pendle Hill and the outstanding Quaker collections at Pendle Hill and neighboring Swarthmore and Haverford Colleges are available to the Cadbury scholar. Because of the amount of work involved in serious scholarship, this grant is not intended to give Cadbury Scholars a complete sojourning experience at Pendle Hill, but rather to make Pendle Hill available to the scholar as a physical and spiritual resource. There will be opportunity to participate in any Quakerism courses at Pendle Hill that are available during the period of scholarship. Engaged participation in morning worship, the daily job program, and weekly meetings with a staff consultant are expected.

Requirements include:

- Membership in the Religious Society of Friends,
- English language fluency,
- Demonstrated commitment to relevant research,
- An endorsement letter from the monthly meeting’s clerk,
- Two work or Quaker Community references regarding community living,
- A promising project which should offer benefit to the larger Religious Society of Friends or to an individual meeting,
- At the end of the scholarship term, a copy of the completed project or brief research paper describing scholar’s experience at Pendle Hill and the outcome of their research.

To apply, complete the online application form by March 1st each year, for residencies that will occur between the following September through August. Decisions are made by a scholarship committee between March and May, and award notification will occur during June.