



## Peace Scholarships

Deadline: April 28, 2023

You are eligible for this scholarship if both of these apply:

1. You are a high school senior or college or vocational education student at the time of application, AND
2. You can provide evidence of leadership and/or personal initiative in activities or in an organization (including volunteer or paid work) relating to peace and social justice and/or conflict resolution AND
3. You can demonstrate financial need
4. You are a resident of Alachua County

### Applicant Information

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Last First M.I.*

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Street Address Apartment/Unit #*

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\_\_\_\_\_ *City State ZIP Code*

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_

(Parents or Legal Guardian)

Parent: Name \_\_\_\_\_ Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent: Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact \_\_\_\_\_

I am applying to or attend: **(Name of Institutions)** \_\_\_\_\_

### II. Application Essay

Provide a brief, typed essay on a separate piece of paper (no handwritten applications accepted). Be sure your name appears on it, and include:

Section 1: Discuss how this scholarship would financially impact your ability to enter college or a vocational program

Section 2: A summary of your activities, organization work and/or awards relating to peace and social justice, education, and/or community organizing

Section 3: Describe how you were more than simply a participant, i.e., how your leadership abilities and personal initiative made a difference for the activities or organizations you've been involved with.

Section 4: Describe your **goals for the future**.

### III. Letters of Recommendation

- Include at least two letters of recommendation from people (not members of your immediate family) who have personal knowledge of, and can describe, your academic achievements and/or leadership activities and personal initiative in working for peace & social justice, and/or conflict resolution.
- Letters of recommendation must relate specifically to your leadership activities and personal initiative in working for peace and social justice, education and/or conflict resolution.
- The letters must be included in the same envelope with this application. We regret we cannot accept email or faxed references, or letters mailed separately.
- Be sure to START EARLY in requesting your letters of reference, so that you can receive them in time to mail everything to us in the same envelope by the April 23 postmark deadline.

### IV. Affirmation of Eligibility & Signature

(initial here) I have visited the Gainesville Veterans web site <http://www.vfpgainesville.org/> and read about the eligibility requirements. I believe I am qualified to apply for this scholarship.

Signature

Date

Where did you learn about this scholarship?

Mail this application, postmarked by April 28, 2023

to: Paul Ortiz,  
Veterans for Peace Scholarship  
2115 NW 7<sup>th</sup> LN  
Gainesville, Florida 32603

*The postmark deadline is April 28. No e-mail or fax applications*

Scholarship recipients will be notified the first week of May

Only winners will be notified, and their names will be announced at the Gainesville Veterans for Peace Peace Poetry Awards Ceremony in May in Gainesville and will be posted on our web site. We are sorry we are unable to notify all applicants.

For questions, contact Paul Ortiz, [ortizprof@gmail.com](mailto:ortizprof@gmail.com)  
or: [831-334-0131](tel:831-334-0131)