

# 16th Annual Alachua County Peace Poetry Contest 2026

The North Central Florida Chapter of Veterans for Peace invites all students, K-12, in Alachua County to create and submit one original poem on the subject of *peace, social justice or environmental justice*.



***SUBMISSION DEADLINE: April 3, 2026***

Entries should be emailed to **[vfppacepoetrycontest@gmail.com](mailto:vfppacepoetrycontest@gmail.com)**.

**REQUIREMENTS FOR SUBMISSION:** Please include (1) the poet's name; grade level; school; parent/guardian and/or teacher's name; and (2) two preferred methods of contact (e-mail, phone number and/or mailing address).

Winners will receive a valuable prize and have their poems published in the 2026 Peace Poetry Contest Book. Winning poets will have the opportunity to read their pieces aloud at the public Peace Poetry Reading on May 9 in Gainesville. All poets will be notified, whether their poems place or not.

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