

Application Form



Peace Scholarships

Deadline: April 17th 2026

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 #

City State ZIP Code

Phone: Email

Age: Graduation Date:

(Parents or Legal Guardian if minor)
Parent: Name Contact:

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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.

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

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 should be included in sealed envelopes with this application. OR, they may be emailed to: ortizprof@gmail.com with the subject line: "Letter of Recommendation VFP Scholarship"
- 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 26 email or postmarked 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?

Email to ortizprof@gmail.com by April 17, 2026 or mail this application, postmark by 4/25/2025 to:

Paul Ortiz,
ortizprof@mail.com
Veterans for Peace Scholarship
108 Treva Avenue
Ithaca, New York 14850

The email and postmarked deadline is April 17, 2026

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 Poetry Awards Ceremony on Saturday May 9th at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of 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 or: [831-334-0131](tel:831-334-0131)