

PEACE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FOR ALACHUA COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Gainesville Veterans for Peace Chapter 14 announces its inaugural Peace Scholarships for the spring of 2014. We are awarding two scholarships of \$500 for high school seniors with demonstrated commitment and leadership in activities involving: peace & social justice, conflict resolution and/or nonviolent social change.

Our chapter is creating these scholarships as a way to give financial support to students who are planning careers in pursuit of a more equitable, peaceful, and just world. Veterans for Peace is particularly interested in supporting students who lack sufficient financial means of attending college.

As a veteran's organization, we recognize that for many individuals, military service is a matter of economic security and the only pathway available for working class students in pursuit of a college education. By creating this scholarship, Veterans for Peace is attempting to forge a new narrative in American history, where the pursuit of peace is nurtured, encouraged, and yes, funded!

Please help Gainesville Veterans for Peace spread the word about this new scholarship program! To be eligible to apply for the Peace Scholarship, the applicant must be a high school senior planning to enroll in full-time undergraduate study at an accredited two- or four-year college, university or vocational-technical school in the United States for the entire 2014-15 academic year.

Peace Scholarship applicants will also be asked to provide a brief autobiographical essay and evidence of leadership and/or personal initiative in activities in an organization (including volunteer or paid work) relating to peace and social justice, conflict resolution and/or nonviolent social change. Applicants will also need to provide two letters of recommendation.

PEACE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION DEADLINE

The application (PDF file) must be downloaded from the Gainesville Veterans for Peace website, printed out, completed and postal mailed to the address on the application. The deadline is April 1st, 2014.

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Peace Scholarship recipients will be announced at the Gainesville VFP Peace Poetry Awards Ceremony in mid-May.

The full announcement and instructions for applying will soon be found on our web site, at

<http://www.vfpgainesville.org/>

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