



Ohio Peace and Conflict Studies
Undergraduate/Graduate Student Education Scholarship
Fall 2026 Application

Deadline Friday, March 20, 2026

(Decisions will be made by Monday, March 30, 2026)

The Ohio Peace and Conflict Studies Fund, housed at the Hudson Community Foundation, was developed to support education related endeavors which promote the application of constructive, nonviolent forums, processes, and techniques for resolving local to global issues. This includes supporting student scholarships, student participation in related conferences, research, international study opportunities, and/or internships.

As of 2026, Ohio has 19 colleges and universities with peace and conflict studies related programs. Ohio has also been in the top ten states in the United States, over the last decade, for refugee resettlement. Refugees have been forced to leave their country due to conflict, persecution, or human-made or natural disasters.

Since the scholarship began, we have been able to provide support to students from Kent State University, Ohio University, The University of Akron, Wilberforce University, and Stark State College.

For Fall 2026, we are able to provide funds for two (2) scholarships of up to \$1,500.

Eligibility:

- **Ohio undergraduate or graduate college** students currently enrolled in a peace/conflict studies program at an accredited Ohio college/university, having completed at least one semester with at least a “C” average.
- Ohio students who have, at some point, **held refugee status, currently enrolled in an accredited Ohio college/university** in a field through which they **intend to be of service to their community** (education, health care, political science, social services), having completed at least one semester with at least a “C” average.
- The **award is for tuition ONLY**. The Hudson Community Foundation will send the funds directly to the Ohio College/University.

Preference is given to undergraduate students who exhibit a strong connection between their future goals to serve their local/global community while applying what they have learned from their degree in peace/conflict studies. *If only two scholarships are to be awarded, and there are sufficient qualifying applicants*, a priority will go to awarding one student specifically studying peace studies and one student who holds/held refugee status that also meets the additional criteria.

To Apply for the Peace/Conflict Studies Program Scholarship:

Submit a written essay (350 words or less) or creative work using art, video, photos, or other media that demonstrates (illustrates) your answer to **one of the following prompts:**

- What is your vision of yourself as a bridge builder?
- How are you building bridges in your community?
- How will you be a peacebuilder in the future and/or serve your community?

- How will peace studies and conflict resolution influence and inform your future career and academic path?
- What does peacebuilding mean to you and/or your community?

To Apply for the Current/Former Refugee College/University Scholarship:

Submit a written essay (350 words or less) or creative work using art, video, photos, or other media that demonstrates (illustrates) your answer to **one of the following prompts:**

- What is your vision of yourself as a bridge builder?
- How are you building bridges in your community?
- How will you be a peacebuilder in the future or serve your community?
- How will your degree influence and inform your future career and academic path?
- What does service mean to you and/or your community?

Send the following to the CRE Scholarship Committee:

1. Your name
2. The name of your high school and/or if you are a current undergraduate student, your undergraduate institution
3. Undergraduate program you will attend/are attending
4. Copy of your acceptance letter to that College/University
5. Support letter from a guidance counselor, teacher, professor, or academic advisor to the Scholarship Committee
6. High school or college transcripts (official or unofficial)
7. A copy of your most updated resume is helpful, but **not required**
8. The answer to the essay of your choice from the options above.
9. How much you are requesting & for what purpose – for example – to cover a credit hour, partial coverage of tuition, etc.

Note: *Funds from the Hudson Community Foundation can ONLY be transferred to a college or university in Ohio. We are NOT able to provide funds directly to an individual.*

Address of the Scholarship Committee:

Please address your scholarship application to:

*Dr. Jen Batton & Dr. Tanya Maus
Ohio Peace and Conflict Studies Network
Hudson Community Foundation*

Please put in the subject line: OPCSN Scholarship Application

Email the application to: Ohiopcsn@gmail.com

Questions? Contact Jennifer Batton, Ph.D. at 216-952-5609 or by email at: ohiopcsn@gmail.com