



Volunteers For Peace

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2012 VFP Scholarship Information

In 2012 Volunteers For Peace will award 10 scholarships from the following categories. Winners will select their specific project after notification.

- **Art & Culture Scholarship:** Creating cultural understanding is a cornerstone of any VFP project. This scholarship is designed to broaden a volunteer's experience and sharing of culture through communication, visual arts, architecture, dance, handicrafts, music, or theatre.
- **Environmental Action Scholarship:** With an increasing need for local and global environmental understanding, this scholarship allows volunteers to learn, share and experience international efforts in sustainability, agriculture, and environmental issues.
- **Youth Education Scholarship:** For educators and those interested in working with youth, this scholarship offers a unique, hands-on international experience in education and youth development with opportunities to share teaching practices and build lasting collaborations around the world.

Each VFP scholarship waives the \$350 or \$500 (if under 18) registration fee for placement in an international voluntary service project and provides a \$500 travel stipend. To apply, join VFP (\$30 annual contribution) and submit a short essay addressing the questions below. The essay should be in Microsoft Word or PDF format, a maximum length of two pages, double-spaced in a 12-point font, be proofread and should reflect applicants' best personal work. Applications can be mailed or emailed to the contacts above and **must arrive by 9 AM Eastern Standard Time on Monday, March 19th**. By submitting a scholarship application you agree to the VFP Scholarship Requirements below. Scholarship winners will be announced in April 2, 2012.

VFP Scholarship Essay Questions

At the top of your essay please include your name, contact information, **which scholarship you're applying for**, age, occupation, and if you are a student please note your school. Please tailor your answers based on which scholarship you're applying for (Art & Culture, Environmental Action, Youth Education) when possible.

1. Why do you want to participate in a Volunteers For Peace international voluntary service project and how does your specific scholarship choice fit in?
2. How has a past voluntary service and/or international experience impacted you?
3. Identify a local or global conflict. How do you think international or cultural understanding could have helped to prevent or could help to resolve this conflict?
4. How will you share your experience upon return to the US? Be specific.

Scholarship Requirements

- Applicants must be permanent residents of the United States.
- Applicants must be ages 16+ at the time of application submission.
- Applicants must join VFP (\$30 annual contribution) before or at the time they submit a scholarship application to be considered. All VFP volunteers are required to join VFP to participate in a project.
- Scholarship recipients must register for a VFP Project by June 1, 2012 or the scholarship will be forfeited.
- Each winner will pick a project of their choice related to each scholarship. VFP has final approval over project choice & relevancy to awarded scholarship.
- Cancellation by the volunteer after confirmation in a project causes forfeiture of the scholarship.
- Scholarship recipients must read and agree to VFP's Terms and Conditions.
- After completion of a project, scholarship recipients will be required to contribute at least 2 blogs, pictures and documentation of public outreach.
- VFP scholarships will not be awarded to the same person more than once.