



Ohio Peace and Conflict Studies Fund

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The Ohio Peace and Conflict Studies Fund was developed to help 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 2024, 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.

The fund was started, in part, because as of January 2024, there is no place in Ohio to donate to students studying peace and conflict studies that was not university or college specific and there are few funding sources for students residing in Ohio designated as refugees.

Depending on the annual fund total, allocations may be provided for one or more of the following:

- Scholarship(s) for a student to study peace/conflict studies or a related field at an Ohio college/university, including international study away related courses.
- Funds provided to a college/university in Ohio with a peace/conflict studies program to support student participation in related trainings or conferences,
- Funds provided to a student to conduct related peace/conflict research through an Ohio college/university
- Funds provided to a college/university in Ohio to support student intern(s) working on a peace/conflict related project in the local/global community.

Special preference is given to:

- Ohio college students from Summit County, Ohio, 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, who are currently residing in Summit County, Ohio.

- Details to be provided in application guidelines. Questions can be directed to Jen Batton at the Ohio Peace and Conflict Studies Network, Ohiopcsn@gmail.com

Details to be provided in the application guidelines which will be available on the Ohio Peace and Conflict Studies Network web site in late spring, 2024.

**The \$200 p/year administration fee for the Hudson Community Foundation, is covered by the volunteer funds manager noted below.

Fund Manager: Jennifer Combs Batton. She served as the Director of Education Programs for the state of Ohio's Commission on Dispute Resolution and Conflict Management, serving all of Ohio's schools, colleges and universities from 1998 – 2006.

The advisory for 2024 includes:

- Dr. Tanya Maus, Director, Peace Resource Center, Wilmington College
- Dr. Julie Rouge, Dean, School of Security and Global Studies, American Public University System
- Hsa Win, Community Outreach Coordinator, Karen Community of Akron, Inc., Akron, Ohio
- TBD, an additional designee from the refugee resettlement sector in Ohio
- Ahad Shah, Former student in Ohio peace/conflict studies program
- Tyrone Crew, Former student in Ohio Peace/Conflict studies program

Additional information available here: <https://ohiopeaceandconflict.org/>