



**National Military Intelligence Foundation
Merit Scholarship Application
2019-2020 Academic Year
General Instructions**

The National Military Intelligence Foundation (NMIF) is pleased to announce its annual competition for scholarships to support students pursuing courses of study and formal degrees in intelligence studies and related disciplines. Due to the generosity of our donors last year NMIF was able to award eight scholarships, of different amounts, totaling \$37,000 to include \$6,000 in honor of LTG James A. Williams, USA (Ret), former Director of the Defense Intelligence Agency, a Fellow of the Foundation, and a Lifetime Achievement Awardee.

To be eligible for consideration, the following criteria shall be applied:

- **Standing:** *Applicants for the NMIF Merit Scholarship must be Juniors, Seniors or Graduate students at the time of application.* For purposes of scholarship consideration, a Junior is defined to be an undergraduate who has completed not less than 48 semester hours or 90 quarter hours of academic credits from an accredited post-secondary educational institution.
A Senior is defined to be an undergraduate who has completed not less than 72 semester hours or not less than 130 quarter hours of academic credits from an accredited post-secondary educational institution. A Graduate student for purposes of this scholarship competition is defined as a student who has been awarded a Bachelor's degree or equivalent from an accredited post-secondary educational institution and is pursuing a Master's Degree, a Doctoral Degree, a professional degree in law, medicine, or business. Candidates pursuing a second Bachelor's degree are eligible for consideration as pursuing an undergraduate degree as a Junior or Senior.
- **Status:** *Applicants must be considered full-time students.* For purposes of this scholarship competition, a full time undergraduate or graduate student shall be enrolled in an accredited post-secondary institution for not less than 12 semester hours or not less than 15 quarter hours. ***Undergraduates who are not considered Juniors or who have not completed at least 48 semester hours or 90 quarter hours are not eligible to compete in this year's competition. Candidates for professional certificates in lieu of accredited masters, doctoral or other professional degrees are not eligible to compete in this year's competition.***
- Awards may be applied to Spring Semester/Quarter/Summer Study 2019, Fall Semester/Fall Quarter 2019-2020 or Spring Semester/Spring Quarter 2020.

This competition is open to all eligible candidates; current and prior applicants with military or Intelligence Community Experience are eligible to compete ***provided they are not receiving tuition assistance from the Government.*** Such experience may be helpful however the great majority of scholarships have been awarded in the past four years to applicants who had no prior military or government experience.

Scholarship Awards made by the Board of Directors of the National Military Intelligence Foundation shall be made solely at its discretion, and ***all decisions of the Board are final and are not subject to outside adjudication.*** All submissions shall become property of the National Military Intelligence Foundation.

The following criteria will be used to evaluate scholarship applications:

- (1) Academic Excellence and Rigor:** The NMIF Scholarship Selection Committee places great weight on past academic success and heavily weighs both overall grade point average and grade point average within candidates' major course of study. The Committee also considers the demands and rigor of each applicant's course of study.
- (2) Course of Study/Major:** All applicants shall describe their degree concentrations or major including but not limited to Intelligence Studies or related subjects in their scholarship application. Copies of transcripts should be imaged and furnished with the electronic application submission. Photocopies or official transcripts should be submitted via US mail. *Official transcripts are preferred and will be required before final awards can be made.*
- (3) Demonstrated commitment to a career in the intelligence community:** Each applicant shall list special activities, internships, prior military service, or other activities that provides tangible evidence of career aspirations to serve as a member of the intelligence community. Copies of letters of appreciation, awards, or other supporting materials should be imaged and submitted with the application. *The ability of the applicants to obtain a U.S. Government security clearance (e.g., absence of a criminal record, good financial and personal conduct history) is also an important attribute of a candidate's commitment to a career in intelligence.*
- (4) Short essays:** As part of the application process each applicant is asked to provide short, succinct answers to the following questions:
 - A. Why are you interested in a career with military or national intelligence organizations or a career that employs intelligence disciplines?
 - B. What aspect of your intelligence coursework would be of greatest value to the intelligence community (military intelligence, strategic intelligence, law enforcement, homeland security) and why?
 - C. What role do you see yourself playing in the intelligence or law enforcement community, such as analysis, collection management, targeting, operations (human intelligence collector), or other?
 - D. What difference do you believe a national Military Intelligence Foundation Scholarship, as opposed to other scholarships or sources of financial assistance, will make in your educational advancement and development of your professional career?

The Scholarship Competition Committee attaches great weight to these essays.

- (5) Financial Need:** All applicants should complete summary information describing how their education has been financed to date and how they expect future educational efforts to be financed. Please provide an estimate of current student debt as well as an estimate of final student debt that will be incurred at the time the degree being sought is awarded. Financial need will be considered by the Scholarship Committee in allocating awards, but will not be considered in evaluating the meritorious character of each candidate's application.

Please submit a resume (no more than 3 pages), completed application form, unofficial transcripts, and other supporting materials including an address for your university financial office and a student account number, by e-mail to scholarships@nmif.org not later than April 12, 2019. In addition, ensure your registrar sends OFFICIAL Transcripts via REGISTERED MAIL to NMIF – Scholarships, PO Box 683, Charlotte Court House, Virginia 23923. These must arrive not later than April 16, 2019. Award winners will be chosen no later than *May 3, 2019*. Checks will be mailed to the student's university in June 2019, if possible.

Scholarship Application Form

Applicant Name					
Last Name	First Name		Middle Initial		
Applicant School Address					
Street #	City	State	Zip	Applicant Current Email Address	
Applicant Permanent Address					Current Telephone
Street #	City	State	Zip		
Current School Information					
Name	Address		City	State	Zip
Registrar Name	Address		City	State	Zip
Registrar Name	Current Email Address			Registrar Telephone	
Degree Being Sought	Bachelor []	Masters []	Doctorate []	Other (specify)	
Discipline/Field			Degree Expected Date		
Current Standing	Junior []	Senior []	Graduate []		
Total Credits Earned to Date	Hours/Credits Enrolled this Term	Cumulative GPA Overall	Major/Minor	Cumulative GPA in your Major	

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Intelligence Related Courses

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Course Name	Credits Earned	Dates

Other Colleges and Universities Attended

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School Name	Dates	Registrar Name/Email Address

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Award Name and Date Presented	Presented By	In Recognition For

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D. What difference do you believe a National Military Intelligence Foundation Scholarship, as opposed to other scholarships or sources of financial assistance, will make in your educational advancement and development of your professional career?

How have you paid for your education to date?

Savings []	Loans []	GI Bill []	Tuition Reimbursement from employer []
Scholarships []	Describe Briefly		
Family support []	Describe Briefly		

How do you expect to pay for your education in the future?

Savings []	Loans []	GI Bill []	Tuition Reimbursement from employer []
Scholarships []	Describe Briefly		
Family support []	Describe Briefly		

How much educational debt do you have today?

\$1000- \$3,999 [] \$4,000-7,999 [] \$8,000-\$11,999 [] More than \$12,000

How much educational debt do you anticipate having at the conclusion of your studies?

\$1000- \$3,999 [] \$4,000-7,999 [] \$8,000-\$11,999 [] More than \$12,000