



National Military Intelligence Foundation Merit Scholarship Application 2023-2024 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.

Please read the instructions carefully. Applications are due **May 28, 2023** to Natalie.anderson.nmif@gmail.com. Please direct any questions to Natalie.anderson.nmif@gmail.com.

To be eligible, the following criteria shall be applied:

- **Academic Standing:** *Must be a Junior,¹ Senior,² or Graduate student³ at the time of application from an accredited educational institution.* Candidates pursuing a second bachelor's degree are eligible for consideration if standing is Junior or Senior. Candidates for professional certificates in lieu of accredited masters, doctoral or other professional degrees are not eligible to compete in this year's competition.
- **Academic Status:** *Must be full-time students. A full time undergraduate or graduate student shall be enrolled in an accredited institution for no less than 12 semester hours or no less than 15 quarter hours. NMIF understands that some graduate institutions define full-time differently. If you take less than 12 semester hours but your institution considers you full-time, please apply and provide us justification/explanation.*
- **Evaluation Criteria:** Completeness of application package is important. Application package must meet all instructions and criteria described on page 2. If incomplete, NMIF will make *one* attempt to reach out to the student regarding missing portions. After such attempt, all incomplete applications will not be considered.
- **Use of Award:** Awards may be applied to Fall Semester/Fall Quarter 2023 or Spring Semester/Spring Quarter 2024. If a senior graduating May 2023 is selected as a recipient, the award can be provided to the student's registrar or official loan provider toward the student's remaining balance or accrued student debt. The award funds will be sent to the student's registrar; it will not be sent to the student directly.
- **Ability to Showcase Recipient Information:** The NMIF awards scholarships sponsored by organizations and families. Out of respect for these sponsors and families, the student *must answer "yes" to Question H* on page 10 to remain eligible for consideration for NMIF scholarships. If student answers "no," they will be ineligible.

Scholarship Awards made by the NMIF shall be made solely at its discretion, *all decisions are final and are not subject to outside adjudication.*

¹ **Junior:** completed >48 semester hours or 90 quarter hours.

² **Senior:** completed no less than 72 semester hours or no less than 130 quarter hours.

³ **Graduate student:** a student who has been awarded a Bachelor's degree or equivalent from an accredited educational institution and is pursuing a Master's Degree, a Doctoral Degree, a professional degree.

Detailed Application Instructions and Criteria:

1. **Complete, Timely Application Package:** All applicants **must** provide the complete electronic application package as outlined below by e-mail to Natalie.anderson.nmif@gmail.com by **May 28, 2023**. The package can be separate documents attached to an email or a ZIP file with all documents contained.

| Applicant Package Checklist | Directions |
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| 1. Completed Application Form | Completed pages 4-10 of this document, save in PDF Format, with your “lastname firstname” in file name. |
| 2. Resume | Provide in PDF format, no more than 3 pages |
| 3. One letter of recommendation | <p>One letter of recommendation that emphasizes your professional qualities, work ethic, and relevant experience and/or potential for a career in intelligence, national security, military intelligence, or related fields.</p> <p>Instruct your recommender to provide the letter one of two ways:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - (Option 1) Provide to applicant for inclusion in electronic submission of application package via email. - (Option 2) Directly to NMIF by May 28, 2023 via email to Natalie.anderson.nmif@gmail.com. |
| 4. Academic Transcripts (Unofficial is fine) | A transcript (unofficial is fine) attached with electronic submission of application package. Student can send updated unofficial transcript at conclusion of Spring 2023 semester too for consideration, after application closes, but is not required. |
| 5. Headshot photograph | A headshot photograph that, should you receive an award, NMIF will use in scholarship announcements on the NMIF website and social media pages and Night of Heroes Award Banquet presentation. |
| 6. Concise 2-3 sentence student summary | <p>A 2-3 sentence summary of your background that, should you receive an award, NMIF will use in scholarship announcements on the NMIF website and social media pages and Night of Heroes Award Banquet presentation.</p> <p>Examples of good student summaries:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - “Susie Smith is a graduate student at ___ University pursuing an M.A. in ___ with specialization in _____. She previously graduated from ___ University with a B.A. in ___, and minor in _____. Susie worked as an analysis intern with the _____.” - “John Doe is an undergraduate student pursuing a ___ degree with minors in ___ at ___ University. In addition to his undergraduate studies, he interns at _____. He also has internship experience working at ___ agency.” |
| 7. Email body requirements | <p>In addition to the documents listed above, within the email of the electronic application package submission, applicant must include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Address of your university financial office or registrar,⁴ where scholarship check should be sent should you receive an award - Student account number - A statement of willingness for us to share your name, photo, and short summary upon receipt of a named/sponsored scholarship, if willing and if awarded⁵ |

⁴ Ask your university which office (financial aid vs. registrar) should receive the scholarship check, it varies by university.

⁵ Out of respect for the sponsors and families of the scholarships, the student must answer “yes” to Question H on page 10, “Are you willing to share your name, photo, and short biography upon receipt of this scholarship to be shared on the NMIF website, social media pages, Awards Banquet materials/ceremony presentation, and future scholarship fundraising material?” to remain eligible for consideration for the NMIF scholarships. If student answers “no,” they will be ineligible.

2. **Academic Excellence and Rigor:** Great weight is placed on academic success, heavily considering major grade point average (or overall GPA in absence of major GPA). The NMIF also considers the demands and rigor of each applicant's course of study and types of courses taken.
3. **Course of Study/Major:** All applicants shall be pursuing areas of study relevant to intelligence, national security, military intelligence, and/or related subjects (e.g., intelligence studies, intelligence analysis, homeland security, cybersecurity, security studies, global security studies, international affairs, etc.).
4. **Demonstrated commitment to pursue a career in intelligence, national security, military intelligence, and related career fields:** Each applicant shall include descriptions of special activities, course work, experiences, internships, prior military service, and other activities that provide tangible evidence of career aspirations aligning with intelligence, national security, and other related disciplines (i.e., homeland security, security studies, military intelligence, etc.). Each applicant must demonstrate their ability to apply current knowledge/experience to practical challenges faced in a career in these fields.
5. **Short essays:** As part of the application process each applicant is asked to provide typed answers to the following questions, included either embedded within this document or provided in a separate document. Please keep your combined answers to **2000 words** or less.
 - A. Why are you interested in a career in intelligence, national security, military intelligence, and/or a relevant career field in support of the intelligence or military community?
 - B. What role(s) are you pursuing for a career in intelligence, national security, military intelligence, and/or a relevant career field in support of the intelligence or military community (such as analysis, collection, targeting, operations, or other) and what skills/knowledge does your coursework and/or professional experiences provide to contribute to your success in such role(s)?
 - C. What difference do you believe a NMIF Scholarship will make in your educational advancement and development of your professional career?

The NMIF Scholarship Committee applies great weight to the quality and content of these essays and looks for clear, concise answers that reflect the dedication and character of the applicant.

6. **Financial Need:** All applicants shall complete the section describing how their education has been financed to date and how they expect future educational efforts to be financed. Applicants are asked to provide an estimate of current student debt and an estimate of total student debt that will be incurred at the time of graduation. Financial need is greatly considered by the Scholarship Committee in allocating awards but is not a sole determining factor of scholarship recipients.

Scholarship Application Form

| Applicant Information | | | | |
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| Last Name | First Name | Middle Initial | | |
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| Applicant Permanent Address | | | | |
| Street # | City | State | Zip | Current Telephone |
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| Applicant Campus Address (If different than permanent home address) | | | | |
| Street # | City | State | Zip | Applicant Current Email Address |
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| Current School Information | | | | |
| Name | Address | City | State | Zip |
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| Degree Information | | | | |
| Degree Being Sought (Select one) | | | | |
| Bachelor [] | Masters [] | Doctorate [] | Other [](specify) | |
| Discipline/Field (Major) | | Degree Expected Date | | |
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| Current Standing | | | | |
| Junior [] | Senior [] | | Graduate [] | |
| Total Credits Earned to Date | Hours/Credits Enrolled this Term | GPA | | |
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Intelligence-Related Courses

| Course Name | Credits Earned | Dates |
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Other Colleges and Universities Attended (If Applicable)

| School Name | Dates | Registrar Name/Email Address |
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What academic honors and other awards have you earned since leaving high school?

| Award Name and Date Presented | Presented By | In Recognition For |
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Scholarship Application Form

Applicant Essay Responses

A. Why are you interested in a career in intelligence, national security, military intelligence, and/or a relevant career field in support of the intelligence or military community?

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C. What difference do you believe a NMIF Scholarship will make in your educational advancement and development of your professional career?

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Financial Information

D. How have you paid for your education to date?

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| Savings [] | Loans [] | GI Bill [] | Tuition Reimbursement from employer [] |
| Scholarships [] | Describe Briefly | | |
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| Family support [] | Describe Briefly | | |
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E. How do you expect to pay for the rest of your education that you are enrolled in?

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

F. How much educational debt do you have today?

\$1000-\$7,999 \$8,000-\$14,999 \$14,999-\$21,999 More than \$22,000

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

\$1000-\$7,999 \$8,000-\$14,999 \$14,999-\$21,999 More than \$22,000

NMIF Sponsored Named Scholarship Disclaimer and Question

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H. Are you willing to share your name, photo, and short summary about your studies and relevant experience upon receipt of the scholarship to be shared on the NMIF website, social media pages, Awards Banquet materials/ceremony presentation, and future scholarship fundraising material?

Please Select One:

YES

NO