



**National Military Intelligence Foundation
Merit Scholarship Application
2020-2021 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.

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

- **Academic Standing:** *Must be Juniors (completed >48 semester hours or 90 quarter hours), Seniors (completed no less than 72 semester hours or no less than 130 quarter hours) or Graduate students at the time of application 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. 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 considered full-time students. For purposes of this scholarship, a **full time undergraduate** or **graduate student** shall be enrolled in an accredited post-secondary institution for no less than 12 semester hours or no less than 15 quarter hours.*
- **Use of Award:** Awards may be applied to Fall Semester/Fall Quarter 2021 or Spring Semester/Spring Quarter 2022. The award funds will be sent to the student's registrar to be applied to official tuition and fees; it will not be sent to the student directly.
- **Evaluation Criteria:** Completeness of application package that meets the evaluation criteria described on page 2. Please read all criteria and instructions carefully to ensure completeness.

Scholarship Awards made by the Board of Directors of the NMIF 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 NMIF.

Important Note: The NMIF awards scholarships that are sponsored by organizations and families. Out of respect for the sponsors and families of the scholarships, the student **must** answer "yes" to **Question I** on page 11, "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.

Detailed Instructions and Criteria for Scholarship Applications:

(Please type application and save as your last name_first name)

- 1. Complete, Timely Application Package:** All applicants **must** provide the following completed electronic application package (can be separate documents attached to an email or a ZIP file with all documents contained) by e-mail to scholarships@nmif.org and Natalie.anderson.nmif@gmail.com by **May 15, 2021**. Failure to provide a complete application package will decrease the student's chances of selection.

Applicant Package Checklist	Directions
1. Completed Application Form	Complete pages 4-11 of this document, save in PDF Format.
2. Resume	PDF format, no more than 3 pages
3. One or more letter(s) of recommendation/appreciation	Must provide at least one letter of recommendation. Recommender can provide letter one of three ways: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Provide to applicant for inclusion in electronic submission of application package via email - Directly to NMIF by May 15, 2021 via email to scholarships@nmif.org - Mail to "NMIF – Scholarships, PO Box 683, Charlotte Court House, Virginia 23923."
4. Academic Transcripts (Unofficial and Official)	Must provide an unofficial transcript with electronic submission of application package by May 15, 2021 . Must send an official transcript to NMIF one of two ways by May 21, 2021 prior to final award consideration: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Email to scholarships@nmif.org - Mail to "NMIF – Scholarships, PO Box 683, Charlotte Court House, Virginia 23923"
5. Copies of relevant awards received (if applicable)	Provide copies with electronic submission of application package. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - E.g., Boren Scholarship, other prestigious awards, etc. - If applicant does not have relevant awards, that is okay and will remain eligible for consideration.
6. Email body requirements	In addition to the documents listed above, within the email of electronic application package submission, applicant must include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Address of your university financial office - Student account number - Appropriate mailing address to send award certificate, if awarded - A statement of willingness for us to share your name, photo, and short biography upon receipt of a named/sponsored scholarship, if willing and if awarded¹

- 2. Academic Excellence and Rigor:** Great weight is placed on past academic success, heavily considering both overall grade point average and major grade point average. 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,**

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and related career fields: Each applicant shall list 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 **2500 words** or less.
- 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-related coursework would be of greatest value to the intelligence community (military intelligence, strategic intelligence, law enforcement, homeland security, etc.) and why?
 - C. What role do you see yourself playing within a career with military or national intelligence organizations or a career that employs intelligence disciplines (such as analysis, collection management, targeting, operations, or other)?
 - D. What difference do you believe a NMIF Scholarship, as opposed to other scholarships or sources of financial assistance, 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 as well as an estimate of final student debt that will be incurred at the time the degree being sought is awarded in the Financial Information section of the form. Financial need will be considered by the Scholarship Committee in allocating awards, but is not a sole determining factor of scholarship recipients.

Scholarship Application Form

Applicant Information

Last Name	First Name	Middle Initial

Applicant Permanent Address

Street #	City	State	Zip	Current Telephone

Applicant Campus Address (If different than permanent home address)

Street #	City	State	Zip	Applicant Current Email Address

Current School Information

Name	Address	City	State	Zip
Registrar Name	Address	City	State	Zip
Registrar Name	Current Email Address			Registrar Telephone

Degree Information

Degree Being Sought (Select one)			
Bachelor []	Masters []	Doctorate []	Other [](specify)
Discipline/Field (School and Major)		Degree Expected Date	
Current Standing			
Junior []	Senior []		Graduate []
Total Credits Earned to Date	Hours/Credits Enrolled this Term	Cumulative GPA Overall	Cumulative GPA in your Major

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Intelligence-Related Courses

Course Name	Credits Earned	Dates

Other Colleges and Universities Attended (If Applicable)

School Name	Dates	Registrar Name/Email Address

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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Applicant Essay Responses

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B. What aspect of your intelligence-related coursework would be of greatest value to the intelligence community (military intelligence, strategic intelligence, law enforcement, homeland security, etc.) and why?

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Applicant Essay Responses

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?

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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?

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Financial Information

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

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

F. 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		

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Financial Information**G. How much educational debt do you have today?**

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

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

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

NMIF Sponsored Named Scholarship Disclaimer and Question

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I. Are you willing to share your name, photo, and short biography 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