



National Guard Association of Minnesota & McGough Academic Scholarships Information Letter 2025



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Thank you for your interest in the NGAMN & McGough 2025 Academic Scholarships.

This letter serves as the authorizing document for the identification, selection, and awarding of the scholarships. It establishes the minimum guidelines for qualifying applicants and timelines for submission of application materials.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: Monday, June 30, 2025

ESSAY TOPIC: Freedom and Responsibility: How has your perspective on freedom and civic responsibility evolved?

DOCUMENT SUBMISSIONS: director@ngamn.org

1. The NGAMN Executive Board has voted to continue the annual award of scholarships:
One (1) \$1,000 NGAMN-sponsored scholarship, one (1) \$1,000 McGough-sponsored scholarship, and two (2) \$500 NGAMN-sponsored scholarships.
2. Applicant Eligibility:
 - Recipients of a previous academic scholarship are not eligible to apply again for three years.
 - Current paid annual, active life, and alumni/retired life member, or the spouse/child/grandchild of an active or alumni/retired life member of the National Guard Association of Minnesota (NGAMN) Officers' and Warrant Officers' Association **and** current paid member of the National Guard Association of the United States (NGAUS) may apply to compete for a scholarship.
 - The top two applicants will be awarded one of two scholarships: \$1,000 NGAMN or \$1,000 McGough Construction Co., LLC.
 - Two applicants will be awarded one of two \$500 NGAMN scholarships.
3. Minimum Qualifications: The following **minimum** qualifications must be met to be eligible to receive the scholarships.
 - The applicant must be (1) currently attending/registered at an accredited institution of higher learning ("college") or an accredited technical, vocational, or trade school and pursuing a program that will lead to a bachelor's degree, graduate degree, post graduate degree, or trade school certificate, or (2) graduating from high school in 2025 and accepted to attend a college or trade school in 2025.
 - The applicant must have a minimum cumulative GPA of at least 2.75.
 - The applicant must be attending high school, college, or trade school for at least 6 semester/quarter credits during the past 2 semesters/quarters.

- Individuals who were deployed or were on medical leave during the previous 2 semesters/quarters may be eligible to apply by providing documentation showing previous enrollment for at least 6 semester/quarter credits during 2 consecutive semesters/quarters prior to their deployment or medical leave. Documentation confirming their deployment or medical leave period is required.

4. Application Submission: The following documents must be provided to the NGAMN Executive Director by email no later than the application deadline date listed above:

- A copy of the applicant's transcripts from the institution they are attending (official transcripts are not required).
- Typewritten essay prepared by applicant (at least 1 page but not more than 2 pages, double-spaced, 10-point Times New Roman font with 1" margins) addressing the 2025 Scholarship Essay Topic. The essay should be submitted in a Word document format (not a PDF).
- AI-generated Scholarship Essays will NOT be accepted.
- A resume or biographical summary for the applicant.

5. The following submission timelines are in effect.

- Submissions must be emailed to the NGAMN Executive Director by the application deadline.
- The application materials will be reviewed and recipients will be selected by voting members of the Executive Board, and may include members designated by the Executive Board.

6. The two \$1,000 and two \$500 academic scholarships will be paid directly to the applicant for use to offset the costs of pursuing a degree.

7. All decisions by the NGAMN Executive Board are final.