



National Guard Association of Minnesota
& McGough
Academic Scholarships Information Letter
2026



Two- \$1,000 scholarships sponsored by NGAMN & McGough
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Thank you for your interest in the NGAMN & McGough 2026 Academic Scholarships.

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

APPLICATION DEADLINE: Tuesday, June 30th, 2026

ESSAY TOPIC: Is Patriotism Changing? What it Means to Love Your Country Today.

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. Eligibility: The following are approved categories of eligible applicants for the scholarship.
 - 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 (any category) will be awarded one of two scholarships- \$1,000 NGAMN or \$1,000 McGough Construction Co., LLC.
 - One runner-up from the active member/retired/alumni life member category will be awarded a \$500 NGAMN scholarship.
 - One runner-up from the spouse/child/grandchild of active member/retired/alumni life member category will be awarded a \$500 NGAMN scholarship.
3. Minimum Qualifications: The following **minimum** qualifications must be met to be eligible to receive the scholarships.
 - The applicant must be (1) currently attending an accredited institution of higher learning ("college") or an accredited technical, vocational, or trade school ("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 2026 and accepted to attend a college or trade school in 2026.
 - The applicant must have a minimum of a 2.75 cumulative GPA to be eligible.
 - The applicant must be attending high school full time or a college or trade school at least 6 semester credits each semester during the past 2 semesters.

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 that the applicant is 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 2026 Scholarship Essay Topic. The essay should be submitted in a Word document format (not a pdf).
 - A resume or biographical summary for the applicant.
5. The following submission timelines are in effect.
 - Each year submissions are required to be emailed to NGAMN Executive Director at the email address shown above no later than the application deadline.
 - The application materials will be reviewed and voted on by the voting members of the Executive Board- President, VP Air, and VP Army. Alternate voting members (in order) are the Secretary and Treasurer.
6. The two \$1,000 and two \$500 annual scholarship awards 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.
8. Recipients of a scholarship are not eligible to apply again for a minimum of three years.