

**IOWA ILLINOIS CHAPTER  
NATIONAL DEFENSE  
INDUSTRIAL ASSOCIATION**

**SCHOLASTIC/LEADERSHIP  
SCHOLARSHIP  
2025- 2026**

**NDIA Scholarship:** Applicants are limited to children of:

- NDIA chapter members, children of employees of chapter corporate members, and children of employees on Rock Island Arsenal and Iowa Army Ammunition Plant
- Active military, reserve, National Guard, or veteran in zip codes 61200-61699 in Illinois and 50000-52899 in Iowa.

Proof of eligibility under these restrictions will be required if selected for scholarship.

The intention of this scholarship will be to provide opportunities for higher education for students who are interested in achieving a place of leadership in their chosen fields.

Iowa Illinois Chapter NDIA Board of Directors or Officers will not participate in the scholarship award determination process in any manner if a family member or extended family member applies.

**ELIGIBILITY**

To be eligible to apply, an applicant must be a senior student currently enrolled in an Iowa or Illinois high school with a cumulative GPA between 2.60 and 4.0 on a 4.0 scale computed at the end of the junior year in high school and the student must have shown a growing interest in college preparatory studies and have been active within the school community.

**SELECTION OF A COLLEGE**

The student may choose any accredited technical school, 2-year junior college or 4-year college or university.

**SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS**

There will be one or more scholarship awards up to \$2,500 each. Awards are payable prior to the beginning of the school term. The award may be used to cover the cost of tuition, fees, books and room-and-board.

**OBLIGATIONS OF THE SCHOLARSHIP WINNER**

The President of the Iowa-Illinois Chapter, NDIA is to be informed of the recipient's academic performance at the end of each official college grading period. This is to be done in writing by the recipient. The President is also to be informed by the recipient, in writing, of any changes in college planning or permanent address or if the recipient drops out of college for any reason.

**SICKNESS OR TEMPORARY DISABILITY**

If, after being awarded this scholarship, a student is unable to enroll in college or a student's attendance is interrupted or delayed because of prolonged illness or injury, the award will be held in reserve. The advice of college medical service or the attending physician will be taken into account in determining the length of time the award will be held.

**APPLYING FOR THE SCHOLARSHIP**

High school candidate must take the following steps before his/her name comes before the NDIA Scholarship Committee.

1. Complete this scholastic application and return it to your counselor no later than February 21st, 2025.
2. Take the American College Test (ACT) or the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) of the College Entrance Examination Board no later than the December test date.
3. Prepare and submit a 500-word essay on "What have you done to pursue your aspirations and how will you apply them after graduation."
4. Two letters of recommendation from individuals who are familiar with your accomplishments and goals. One recommendation must be from your advisor or faculty member
5. Submit complete scholarship application including the completed CONFIDENTIAL SCHOLASTIC AND PERSONAL DATA FORM, a copy of your high school transcript, and the completed scholarship SCHOLASTIC APPLICATION FORM NLT March Sunday, March 23rd, 2025, to:

Iowa Illinois Chapter NDIA  
ATTN: Mr. Ryan Bunge  
3011 Forest Ridge Dr NE, Swisher, IA 52338.

It is preferred that the application be submitted by email ([ryanbunge@gmail.com](mailto:ryanbunge@gmail.com)) using attachments for all the requisite documents. After completing the application, it is important that you make and retain a copy for your records.

The NDIA Scholarship Committee is the sole and final authority in determining the recipients of the scholarship awards and amount awarded.

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PLEASE CHECK APPROPRIATE BOX (ES)



**SCHOLASTIC APPLICATION FORM**

Complete this application, make and retain a copy for your records and mail the original, postmarked no later than March 23rd, 2025, to:

Iowa Illinois Chapter NDIA  
ATTN: Mr. Ryan Bunge, 3011  
Forest Ridge Dr NE, Swisher, IA  
52338. Tel 319.651.0458

**OR PREFERABLY**

Email NLT March 23rd, 2025, the completed application package as enclosures to:  
[ryanbunge@gmail.com](mailto:ryanbunge@gmail.com).

NOTE: Applicants are required to submit a billfold size picture with their application. A digital photo is preferred and may be submitted by email. Picture is not used in the evaluation process.

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- Applicant is child of active military, reserve, National Guard, or veteran in zip codes 61200-61699 in Illinois and 50000-52899 in Iowa.

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Basis of Eligibility \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(First, MI, Last)

Applicant's Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent /Guardian Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Parent /Guardian Phone (W) \_\_\_\_\_ (H) \_\_\_\_\_

What college/university do you wish to enroll? *Your choice does not affect your chances of receiving a scholarship.*

First Choice \_\_\_\_\_

Second \_\_\_\_\_

Third \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Names: Father \_\_\_\_\_ Mother \_\_\_\_\_

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*NOTE: We intend to notify recipients NLT Sunday, April 6<sup>th</sup> and plan to formally award the scholarships to recipients May 20<sup>th</sup> during our annual symposium reception event. We will advise you on details at the time of notification.*

List any other scholarship(s) for which you have applied or expect to apply.

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What special recognition have you received for outstanding schoolwork such as honors, prizes or scholarships?

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List activities you have engaged in during high school years. Include organized out-of-school activities (such as Scouting, 4-H, church, etc.) as well as those connected with school (class officer, athletics, music, publications, school clubs, etc.). Indicate year(s) you participated.

ACTIVITY	SPECIAL HONORS OR OFFICE HELD	YEAR (S)
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What kind of work did you do for your family at home or for an outside employer?

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If you attended Summer School since 9<sup>th</sup> Grade, indicate summer(s)

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**CONFIDENTIAL**  
**SCHOLASTIC**  
**AND PERSONAL DATA**  
**FORM** (To be completed by  
high school principal)

**Certification**

NAME

\_\_\_\_\_

Last	First	Middle
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SCHOOL/CODE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

Residing at \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address

\_\_\_\_\_

City	County	State	ZIP
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Has attended the \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of School

Located at \_\_\_\_\_  
City County State ZIP

From \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_  
Month and Year Month and Year

Will graduate from the school \_\_\_\_\_  
Month and Year

Number of students in applicant's graduating class \_\_\_\_\_

Indicate applicant's rank in class \_\_\_\_\_  
(If the applicant's class rank is not available, please provide the approximate rank class based on the subjects completed during the previous semesters.)

Applicant's average grade in high school to last grading period \_\_\_\_\_

SAT score \_\_\_\_\_ ACT score \_\_\_\_\_

Has the applicant attended other High Schools? (Circle one) YES NO

If yes, where? \_\_\_\_\_  
School Name, City, County, State, ZIP

**TO THE PRINCIPAL:**

AUTHENTICATION: Official Position \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
First, MI, Last

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Two Letters of Recommendation are required.**

**Instructions to the Recommender:**

The National Defense Industrial Association Selection Committee necessarily must rely heavily upon your estimate of the applicant's general ability and fitness for college work. For this reason, a statement is requested that will supplement the information provided above and further assist their consideration of the candidate's qualifications. Please provide details, in the form of incidents or examples, as you appraise the applicant with respect to his/her leadership ability, citizenship, initiative, and strength of purpose. Finally, please describe the qualities that *most commend* the applicant and those traits you consider to be the *most noticeable weakness*.

Again, we, the Selection Committee of the NDIA, emphasize the importance of this information in making our scholarship award selections. Your assistance is appreciated.

Each recommender must provide a statement regarding the candidate's qualifications per the instructions on the left. The Letter of Recommendation shall be submitted as a separate sheet in the hard copy submittal of this application or submitted directly, as an attachment, to NDIA via the email address shown on page 2 of this application. If directly submitted, the recommender must provide the applicant the date submitted for inclusion in their application submittal.