

National Guard Association of West Virginia Academic Scholarships

1. The NGAWV Executive Board has voted to establish scholarships in the amount of: One (1) \$1,000 sponsored scholarship and two (2) \$500 NGAWV sponsored scholarships.
2. This policy letter serves as the authorizing document for the identification, selection, and awarding of the scholarships. This letter establishes the minimum guidelines for qualifying applicants and timelines for submission of application materials.
3. The following are approved categories of eligible applicants for the scholarship:
 - Any active member, retired life member, life member, or spouse/child/grandchild of an active member or retired/life member of NGAWV may apply to compete for a scholarship.
 - The top applicant (any category) will be awarded the \$1,000 sponsored scholarship.
 - One runner-up from the active member/retired/ life member category will be awarded a \$500 NGAWV scholarship.
 - One runner-up from the spouse/child/grandchild of active member/retired/life member category will be awarded a \$500 NGAWV scholarship.
4. 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 2023 and accepted to attend a college or trade school in 2023.
 - 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.
5. The following documents must be provided to NGAWV Executive Director by email in combined PDF file not later than annual due date listed below:
 - 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 what service to others means to you, both personally and professionally.
 - A resume or biographical summary for the applicant.
6. The following submission timelines are in effect.
 - Each year submissions are required to be emailed to NGAWV Executive Director at the ngawv1@gmail.com no later than May 30th.
 - The application materials will be reviewed and voted on by the voting members of the Executive Board.

7. The \$1,000 and the two \$500 annual scholarship awards will be paid directly to the applicant for use to offset the costs of pursuing a degree.
8. All decisions by the NGAWV Executive Board are final.
9. Voting is conducted by the NGAWV Executive Board as outlined in the Charter and By-Laws.
10. Recipients of a scholarship are not eligible to apply again for a minimum of three years.