



NDIA Scholarship Application

Wright Brothers Regional Chapter of the National Defense Industrial Association (NDIA)

Sam Ryals STEM Scholarship

In honor of our long time NDIA colleague Sam Ryals (1952-2022), the NDIA Wright Brothers Chapter has designated a scholarship in his name. The goal of the Sam Ryals STEM Scholarship is to assist in preparing young people in the Dayton region for STEM careers.

Availability

The Program awards a \$1,000 scholarship to at least two selected recipients each year. Each year, applications are accepted from February 8th through April 30th, 2024, with selection decisions announced in June. The number and dollar amount of scholarships available in any given year is subject to change, at the sole discretion of the NDIA.

Eligibility

To be considered for the NDIA Scholarship, a student must submit a completed application with supporting documentation and satisfy the following eligibility criteria:

- Applicants who are NDIA members or dependent of an NDIA member at the time of application submission will be given preference.
- At the time of application submission, applicant must be a senior in high school senior expected to graduate at the end of the semester.
- Accepted by an institute of Higher Education enrolled in a STEM program.
- Applicant must demonstrate a commitment to helping others and leadership potential, which may include participation in extracurricular activities at school, community, or other volunteer activities.
- Applicant must demonstrate a financial need in their application. (Please DO NOT send files containing social security numbers, bank statements, tax returns, paycheck copies, or other financial documents).
- Applicant must demonstrate academic success, with no less than a 3.0 GPA or equivalent under the student's applicable grading scale.
- Two letters of recommendation from adults in the applicant's community.
- Prior to receipt of scholarship funds, applicant must provide proof of being (i) enrolled as an undergraduate student for the upcoming semester, or (ii) acceptance into an undergraduate program of study for the upcoming semester.

All supporting documents and completed application must be attached as **one PDF** file in a single email. After downloading, filling in and signing a completed application, applicants will send as an email attachment with all required documentation* listed below. Official transcripts must be sent directly by the school district or academic institution. Applications that are incomplete, missing required information, or sent in multiple emails may not be considered. Applications with supporting documents must be submitted no later than April 30th, 2024, via email to cassie.barlow@soche.org, with NDIA Scholarship in subject line.



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Application Requirements

- *Completed application (fillable PDF below)
- *Resume showing involvement in extracurricular, community and volunteer activities
- *Proof of acceptance at a college or university, under official school letterhead or seal
- *Two letters of recommendation from adults in the applicant's community.
- *Official high school/undergraduate transcript(s) (emailed to the NDIA directly from the academic institution)

Every year, the available scholarships will be awarded to applicants deemed the most qualified based on the above criteria at the NDIA sole discretion. Selection will be made without regard to the applicants' race, color, religious belief, national origin, sex, marital status, age or physical handicap. By submitting an application, the Applicant, and if the Applicant is a minor the Applicant's parent(s) or guardian(s), consent to the NDIA and/or its affiliates publishing the Applicant's, words, statements, likeness, and image in the event the Applicant is selected for a scholarship award.

The winner is solely responsible for all applicable federal, state, and local taxes. The funds will be disbursed directly to the recipient's university bursar's office. Any excess funds will be processed and managed by the university. NDIA is responsible only for sending the funds to the recipient's university and has no continuing obligation regarding the funds. The winner is solely responsible for ensuring that any funds are timely and properly credited to their university bursar account.

By submitting an application, each applicant, including their parent or guardian as applicable, irrevocably consents to the collection of the Applicant's name, words, statements, and likeness, and other details for administration of the program by the NDIA and/or its affiliates and to be contacted regarding the Program. This Program is subject to all applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations. Void where prohibited by law. All plagiarized, duplicated, lost, late, damaged, misdirected, incomplete, or illegible materials will not be considered and are void.

The NDIA reserves the right to disqualify any entrant found to be in violation of these terms and to suspend or cancel the Program at any time, in each case as determined by the NDIA in its sole discretion. Each Applicant acknowledges that this Program and any scholarship funds are provided as-is. The NDIA and its affiliates hereby disclaim all warranties and representations of any kind, express or implied, regarding this Program and any funds awarded.



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For Applicants who are under 18 years of age, or the age of majority in their jurisdiction of residence, as of the date of this Application must provide parent/guardian information.

Name of Applicant/Parent or Guardian: _____

Are you an NDIA member or a dependent of an NDIA member? - Yes/No: _____

School: _____

Date of Expected Graduation: _____

Applicant Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone (Home): _____

Phone (Cell): _____

E-mail Address: _____

Please indicate your preferred method on contact should the NDIA have questions about your application.

Phone (Home) _____

Phone (Cell) _____

Email _____

Tell Us About Yourself

Please write an essay describing in detail why you are qualified to receive this NDIA Scholarship. Your 2-page double spaced essay should provide answers to the following:

- **Service** - describe how you served others in your school or community through volunteer activities, paid or unpaid jobs, extracurricular school activities, participation in athletic or academic clubs, or opportunities for enrichment
- **Leadership** - provide examples when you demonstrated leadership while helping others in your school or community
- **Your Future** - describe your academic and career goals and how a NDIA Scholarship will help you achieve those goals
- **Financial Need** - indicate how you are paying for college, scholarships received so far, and any social, economic, or family obstacles you must overcome.

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By signing below, I, the undersigned Applicant, agree to the terms of the Program and hereby certify that the information provided is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief.

Signature of Applicant/Applicant's Parent or Guardian *

Name of Applicant/Applicant's Parent or Guardian

* If applicant is under 18 years of age, the Applicant's parent or guardian must sign