



National War
College
Alumni Association
*Strategic Thinking in
Peace and War*

National War College Alumni Association Pillsbury Merit Scholarship Program Application 2026

This scholarship program is open to children and grandchildren of **Lifetime Alumni Association members, graduates and faculty** who are either: 1) high school seniors, heading to college in 2026, or 2) current college undergraduate students in the first three years of study. An impartial committee will evaluate all valid applications with no relationship to any of the applicants, and the applications will be evaluated in the “blind” (names removed). A total of \$7,500.00 will be awarded - 5 scholarships will be awarded to children of lifetime members (3-\$500.00, 1-\$750.00 and 1-\$1,250.00). For grandchildren, a total of \$1,250.00 will be awarded (1-\$750.00, 1-\$500.00). Winners will be notified by mail/email no later than June 1, 2026. An award ceremony will be held at Roosevelt Hall – NWC in June 2026 - TBA

Please submit all materials by email to: scholarships@nationalwarcollege.org. All submissions should come directly from the student's email, with the application and essay sent as attachments. The subject line should be “Scholarship Application 2026.” Transcripts and additional attachments (such as award certificates, letters, etc.) will not be considered.

Deadline for Application: April 30, 2026

PART 1. GENERAL INFORMATION

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MIDDLE INITIAL
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PERMANENT ADDRESS	STUDENT'S ADDRESS (if different from Permanent)
NAME OF LIFETIME MEMBER PARENT OR GRANDPARENT (and indicate relationship to applicant)	YEAR OF NWC ATTENDANCE OR AFFILIATION
MEMBER'S TELEPHONE	STUDENT'S TELEPHONE (if different)
Are you a high school senior or college student? ☐ HIGH SCHOOL ☐ COLLEGE	If a college student, what is your year of study? ☐ FIRST ☐ SECOND ☐ THIRD
STUDENT'S EMAIL ADDRESS	EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE

I affirm the information contained in this application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief.

DATE

SIGNATURE

PART 2. EDUCATION, WORK, ACTIVITIES AND AWARDS

a. List the secondary school from which you graduated or will graduate and all higher education institutions attended. Include summer, study-abroad, and exchange programs. If additional lines are needed, use Part 3 of this application.

SCHOOL	LOCATION	DATES ATTENDED

b. List high school and/or college activities (student government, sports, organizations, school-sponsored community service programs, student-faculty committees, arts, music, etc.) Please list in order of time you contributed to the activity (greatest amount of time to least amount of time) and estimate time contributed to each. (For example, if you spent four years of high school working on the yearbook for 4 to 6 hours each week, that should be listed before a one-time school service event that lasted for 3 hours.) Make sure to indicate any leadership role you held in the organization. If additional lines are needed, use Part 3 of this application.

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c. List public service and community activities (homeless services, environmental protection/conservation, advocacy activities, work with religious organizations, etc.) Estimate time contributed to each following the directions listed above under school activities. Again, list any leadership role you held. If additional lines are needed, use Part 3 of this application.

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d. List part-time and full-time jobs including hours worked. If additional lines are needed, use Part 3 of this application.

POSITION	BUSINESS	DATE(S) (Include hours worked)

e. List academic honors, awards, scholarships, or special recognition you have received. If additional lines are needed, use Part 3 of this application.

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PART 3. Continuation, if needed. (If used, please indicate which sub-paragraph: 2a, 2b, 2c, 2d, and/or 2e.)

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PART 4. ESSAY

Submit an original essay on the topic below. Your essay should be 1 to 2 pages (but no longer than 2 pages), 12 point font and double-spaced. Please do not identify yourself by name anywhere on the essay.

By submitting your essay, you are pledging that it is your own work and represents your thoughts and ideas. The use of AI generated content is not permitted.

TOPIC: Artificial intelligence can accelerate innovation, but it also raises concerns about fairness, bias, and misuse. How should individuals and organizations balance the drive for technological progress with ethical responsibility? Describe a situation where you personally encountered the opportunities and ethical pitfalls of AI, and how this guides your future perspective.