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# 2024 NSCC Scholarships

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## 2024 NSCC Trade School and College Scholarship Program

USNSCC is pleased to offer several scholarship opportunities to graduating cadets attending both colleges and trade schools. Please carefully review the following instructions. There are over 30 award opportunities worth up to \$20,000, and we encourage all seniors attending either college or trade school to apply. Questions regarding the application process can be sent to [scholarships@seacadets.org](mailto:scholarships@seacadets.org).

### Application Periods

**College/University:** Opens **Wednesday, March 6**, and closes at **2400 PDT Sunday, April 7**.

**Vocational:** Opens **Wednesday, March 6** and closes **2400 PDT Sunday, June 30**.

Only on-time applications will be accepted. You may save your in-progress application and finish it later, but the submission portal will close promptly at the cut-off date.

Applicants are encouraged to begin their applications soon rather than waiting until the deadline. You may especially wish to identify your unit and academic references and request reference letters as soon as possible.

**Qualifications.** All applicants must:

1. Be completing their senior year of high school in spring 2024 (or have completed it in fall 2023).
2. Be a currently enrolled Sea Cadet as of April 7, 2024.
3. Have been enrolled in Sea Cadets for at least two full years (i.e., on or before April 7, 2022).
4. Have attained the rate of at least Seaman/Airman (SC-3) as of April 7, 2024.

**Application system.** All applications will be submitted electronically, with the applicant being entirely responsible for obtaining and uploading all necessary documentation. The application portal can be found at: <https://seacadets.secure-platform.com/site>. There are two application links, one for college/university, and one for trade/vocational. Applicants may only submit one application and may only apply to one program. Please ensure you have completed all required application elements before you submit your application. You will not be able to edit after you submit, and we cannot accept emailed applications or extra documents.

When creating your application portal account, please use an email address that you will be able to access through your first semester of college. (Do not use a high school email address.)

## **College and University Requirements and Deadlines**

### **Award Opportunities include:**

- One \$5,000 annual award renewable for four years, for a total value of \$20,000
- One \$2,500 annual award renewable for four years, for a total value of \$10,000
- Several one-time awards worth \$2,500 to \$7,500

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### **Requirements**

- You must have been accepted to a 2-year or 4-year college or university.
- If you receive a Sea Cadet scholarship and later receive a full scholarship to college or a military academy appointment, you may not also receive funds from Sea Cadets. If you receive a Sea Cadet scholarship and later receive another full scholarship or service academy appointment, please contact us at [scholarships@seacadets.org](mailto:scholarships@seacadets.org) so we can use those funds for another student.
- Payment is contingent upon Sea Cadets HQ receiving payment information for your school's bursar's office by June 7, 2024. Payment must be used for tuition, not other school related expenses (such as books, room and board, or meals).

### **Application Documents**

- **Unit recommendation letter from the applicant's Commanding Officer** (PDF only)
  - If the CO is related to the applicant, an alternate unit reference must be used.
  - The related CO may also wish to provide a supplemental letter but must clearly state his or her relationship to the applicant.
  - All unit letters must contain the writer's signature.
- **Recommendation letters from two academic references** (PDF only)
  - Academic references may not be related to the applicant.
  - References must include their email address, phone number, and the school's physical address. The Scholarship Committee may conduct reference checks.
  - All academic reference letters must contain the writer's signature.
- **Written essay** (DOC, DOCX, or RTF)
  - 500-1200 words
  - The scholarship is meant to be a personal reflection about your time in Sea Cadets – a reflection written by you on an unassisted basis.
  - Essays will be run against AI detection applications and related methods to help assure judges that this is your personal work.
  - Essay prompt for 2024:  
*Carefully describe a specific challenge you faced as a Sea Cadet and how it reshaped your understanding of your own strengths and weaknesses. How will this newfound self-awareness guide your future decisions?*
- **List of extracurricular activities** (DOC, DOCX, or RTF)
  - Recommended length: 1-2 pages

- This document will demonstrate your involvement and volunteerism in both their school and your community and will help the committee understand your achievements and accomplishments.
- Please spell out all abbreviations with first use.
- **Magellan record** (PDF only)
  - Request your full Magellan record from your CO or another unit officer.
  - The unit must download the record rather than copy/paste from Magellan into Word.
  - Self-printed records will not be accepted.
- **High school transcript** (PDF only)
  - Must include grades for freshman year through fall 2023
- **Acceptance letter** from a 2-year or 4-year college or university (PDF only)
- **Photo in Sea Cadet uniform** (JPG only) – please ensure it is of adequate resolution to be printed as a 4x6 photo.
- **Optional: ACT or SAT score and full report** (PDF only)
  - College entrance exams are not required, but if you took an exam, please upload your score report.
  - Use only your best score and upload the full score report.
  - If you did not take college entrance exams, your academic references should address your college preparedness.
- **Optional documents:**
  - Up to three additional documents may be uploaded.
  - These may show significant accomplishments in school, in extracurricular activities, and/or in Sea Cadets. Exceptional Sea Cadet award citations may be uploaded, but it is not necessary to upload all awards, since they are available in your Magellan record.

## **Vocational and Trade School Requirements and Deadlines**

### **Award Opportunities**

- Eight (8) \$2,500 one-time awards will be awarded to trade school students.

### **Requirements**

- **Enrollment:** NSCC enrollment as of April 7, 2023. (Although the application period runs through June 30, you do not need to be an enrolled cadet after April 7 to qualify.)
- **Eligibility:** Cadets who will not be attending a 2- or 4-year college but who have been accepted to an accredited vocational training program.
  - Examples include (but are not limited to): medical/dental assisting, cosmetology, medical coding, pharmacy technology, massage therapy, welding, commercial driving training, and the construction trades.
- Awards are contingent upon acceptance to a trade or vocational school by **September 30, 2024**. Following your acceptance to a trade or vocational school, please submit your acceptance letter to [scholarships@seacadets.org](mailto:scholarships@seacadets.org).
- Funds will be distributed in coordination with your institution, based on your start date.

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  - You may want to use one of these documents to describe your work experience or previous training in your chosen field.