

## Our Scholars Say...

An internship with Serco, Inc. gave me the best of both worlds; I was able to apply my knowledge, operating as a member of a team comprised of some of the most capable and intelligent people I have ever met and permitted me to learn more about a field that truly interests me.



*Senior, Mount St. Mary's University*

The NSSP experience helped me become so far ahead of the game by obtaining a security clearance... interning with General Dynamics helped me experience and understand the government work...I was able to make contacts to help me find a job after graduation.

*Senior, Stevenson University*

My summer internship at the National Security Agency helped direct my future plans and intentions. As part of the intelligence analysis program, my liberal arts education was combined with digital network analysis.

*Senior, Johns Hopkins University*

Interning with Raytheon was an incredible experience filled with learning, training, and hands-on activity... From day one I was working with equipment and experienced professionals... My career is on a fast track, opportunities I wouldn't have had without the NSSP program

*Junior, Loyola University Maryland*

The process of being cleared taught me so much about myself as well as allowed me to meet so many helpful and encouraging people... I completed my first week interning at Verizon FNS applying skills I already possess, developing new ones and learning what teamwork means in the workplace.

*Junior, Hood College*

The National Security Scholars Program is an exclusive program only available through The Independent College Fund of Maryland (The I-Fund) to full-time undergraduates attending one of the following member colleges and universities:

College of Notre Dame of Maryland

Goucher College

Hood College

Johns Hopkins University

Loyola University Maryland

McDaniel College

Mount St. Mary's University

St. John's College

Stevenson University

Washington College

**For more information, contact your Career Development or Financial Aid Office or visit [www.PayMyWay.org](http://www.PayMyWay.org)**



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National Security Scholars Program



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**Paid Summer Internships and  
Career Opportunities**

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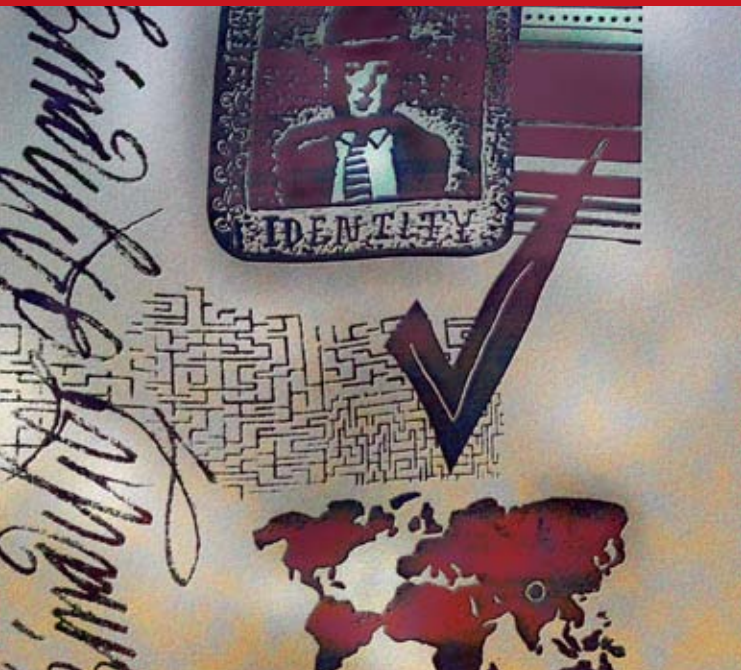
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the National Security Agency

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## Overview

Economic, physical, operational and cyber-security pose complex challenges for the world today. Additionally, the development of chemical and biological weapons have shifted the nature of conflict and altogether present a different kind of threat to America.

The Independent College Fund of Maryland (the I-Fund) National Security Scholars Program (NSSP) is responding to the needs of the national security industry. The I-Fund links students interested in serving their country with defense industry giants through the NSSP. The program provides a unique opportunity for scholars to explore a future in the field of national security and offers a road map to potential employment in the public and private sectors upon graduation.

Proven capabilities in protecting our nation's most critical assets from hazards, both internal and external, natural and man-made make the national security field an important focus for the future.

## Program Benefits

- ✓ A \$15,000 scholarship is sent directly to your college or university for the academic year following the year in which your application is submitted
- ✓ Assistance with processing toward a valuable national security clearance
- ✓ The chance to explore a meaningful and challenging career path in national security
- ✓ Internship opportunities with defense and intelligence industry giants

## Eligibility

- ✓ Attend an I-Fund member college/university
- ✓ U.S. citizenship at the time of application
- ✓ Must be a sophomore or junior with a minimum of 24 credit hours (Application must be submitted no later than October deadline of the applicant's junior year.)
- ✓ Minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0
- ✓ Career interest in the national security field
- ✓ Availability for an interview on two days in early November (check PayMyWay.org for actual dates and related information)
- ✓ Successful completion of security clearance process by May 31
- ✓ Preferred majors include computer science, computer information systems, IT, mathematics, physics, software engineering, systems engineering and related fields to these majors. Consideration will also be given to accounting, economics, finance, history, languages, political science. (Please refer to page 2 of the application for the most recent list of majors). For St. John's College students only, applicants must have a demonstrated record of interest and achievement in one of the major areas.

## To Apply

Applications are available at your Financial Aid Office or online at PayMyWay.org (click on "Homeland Security Scholarships"). The following information must be included with the application:

- ✓ Resume (typed in recommended format) with copies submitted both electronically and with application
- ✓ A 300–500 word essay (see website for details)
- ✓ Two letters of recommendation
- ✓ A certified transcript of grades

## Internships

All applicants must be willing to accept a paid summer internship, if offered. Information about housing availability is provided during the interview process.

- ✓ Internship opportunities are available with the private sector and NSA and are contingent upon successful completion of the security clearance process
- ✓ Candidates who have received approval for national security clearance are reviewed by the NSSP board for internship placement with program partners and scholarship award.

## TIMELINE

### First Monday in October

Completed application and all supporting documents must be received by your Financial Aid Office no later than this date

### On or before Oct 29th

Applicants notified by email regarding eligibility for an interview

### November

Candidate face-to-face interviews scheduled two days in early November

### December 1

Program semi-finalists notified

### December – May

Security clearance processing ongoing- students are notified of results

### Early June

Students who have been approved for clearance receive notification of internship assignment and/or scholarship award

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