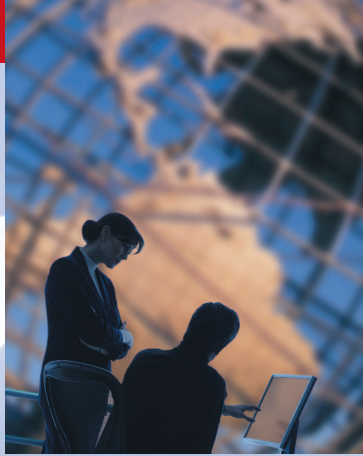


Our Scholars Say...

This program is one of the best I have seen, or heard about, during my time at college. The process is fairly straightforward and streamlined. Interning with SAIC has been a great learning experience. Thank you for this great opportunity!



Junior, Stevenson University

The NSSP and my summer internship with Serco have provided me with experience that most college students only dream about and critical skills for an industry that I wish to stay in. A plethora of doors have been opened from this experience and they could not have opened at a more perfect time.

Junior, Washington College

....an opportunity I never dreamed of. As part of the Cyber Cohort Program at Booz Allen Hamilton, I am being exposed to and working first hand with cyber security issues that are affecting our national security today and in the future.

Senior, McDaniel College

The application process helped me work on interview and time management skills. Fortunate to be chosen for this opportunity with NSSP, I am interning with e.magination, gaining actual work experience in my career area prior to graduating.

Junior, Hood College

Thank you for this unique opportunity... it is so much more than a summer internship; it is the very foundation for a career.... I can think of no better way to use my skills than to protect this country from harm, help play a role ensuring that this country remains competitive and is a step above the rest.

Senior, Loyola University Maryland

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

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*"Without this program, many students would never know how rewarding a career in the national security field truly is."
Senior, Loyola University Maryland*

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 • Engineering (Software, Computer, Systems) • Information Assurance • Information Systems • IT • Mathematics • Physics and related fields to these majors. Consideration will also be given to Accounting, Economics, Finance, Languages, Liberal Arts, Political Science.

To Apply

Application is available online at PayMyWay.org (click on "National Security Scholarships"). The following information must accompany application:

- ✓ Resume (typed in recommended format) with copies submitted both electronically to Lsuboti2@jhmi.edu and with application
- ✓ A 300–500 word essay (see website/application for details)
- ✓ Two typed/signed 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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