

Our Scholars Say...

Before the NSSP, I never thought I would be able to do something like this, it completely opened my eyes to a possible career in this field.

Junior, Hood College – Intern at Lockheed Martin



Not only am I making good money and gaining valuable first-time experience, but have my security clearance as well. I couldn't ask for a better start!

Senior, Stevenson University - Intern at AT&T

This program creates many opportunities for students to learn as well as opportunities for the future...This has been an amazing experience. I am grateful for everything you do in order to make this program possible.

Senior, Washington College – Intern at Serco

Surprisingly, the challenge of the process has prepared me well for the job, while the job has made me only more eager to graduate and move permanently into the workforce.

Junior, Johns Hopkins University – Intern at Booz Allen Hamilton

This opportunity has jump-started my career in more ways than I thought possible, opening up many doors.

Senior, Mount St. Mary's University – Intern at NSA

Not only do I have a chance to work and learn at an amazing company, but received a scholarship as well. I couldn't be more grateful.

Senior, McDaniel College – Intern at Raytheon

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:

Goucher College

Hood College

Johns Hopkins University

Loyola University Maryland

McDaniel College

Mount St. Mary's University

Notre Dame of Maryland University

St. John's College

Stevenson University

Washington College

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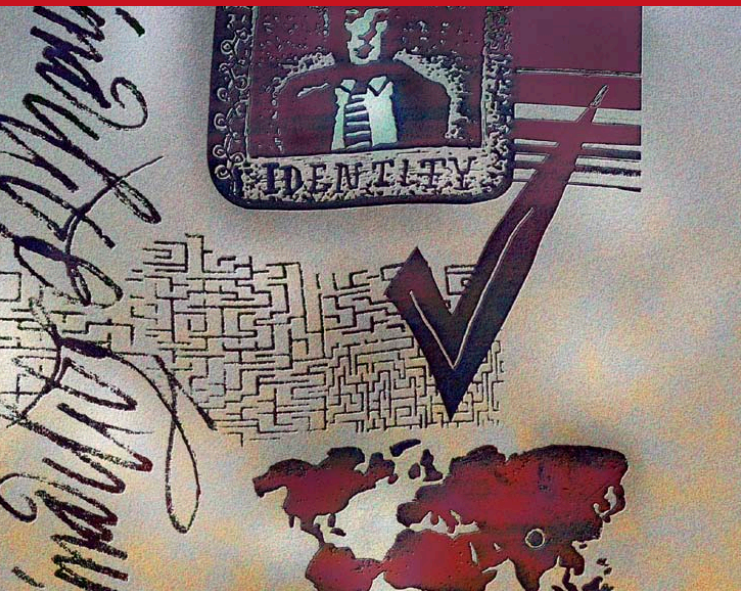
Raytheon



and

the National Security Agency

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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

Cyberspace touches practically everything and everyone. It underpins almost every facet of modern society and provides critical support for the U.S. economy, civil infrastructure, public safety, and national security. Information technology has transformed the global economy and connected people in ways never imagined.

Cyber security poses complex challenges for the world today. Protecting our nation’s most critical assets from hazards, both internal and external, natural and man-made make the national security field a vital focus for the future.

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.

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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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