



**NEW MEXICO NATIONAL GUARD ASSOCIATION
2024-2025 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION LETTER
“PROVIDING EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES”**
Scholarship Representative – MAJ Anthony Kessel

26 December 2023

The New Mexico National Guard Association (NMNGA) Scholarship Program provides limited financial assistance to officers and officer dependents who demonstrate outstanding academic potential and leadership capabilities. Awards are merit-based and are unrelated to financial need.

Scholarship Eligibility: All NMNGA Active and Life Members (*who are current on their dues*) as well as their dependents, are eligible to apply for Association Scholarships. Scholarship funds can be used to offset costs of tuition, books, academic fees, and living expenses at accredited post-secondary educational institutions. All scholarships are made payable to the recipient’s financial account at their chosen college. Proof of enrollment needs to be provided. The scholarship committee will arrange direct payment with their academic institution’s business office after the last day to add/drop a class. Once the payment is applied to their individual account, the recipient may choose to apply it to tuition, books, living expenses, or withdraw it for additional college-related expenses.

Scholarships are non-renewable. If you are awarded a scholarship, you cannot receive that same scholarship the next year, but you are encouraged to apply for any of the other scholarships you qualify for the following year. If applicants do not meet **ALL** requirements for the scholarship they applied for, their packet may not be considered. This includes quantity, quality, and content of the essay. In short, please show that you meet the requirements, by providing all documents *before* the deadline (01 March 2024), and write a quality essay with at *least* as many words as necessary, not *up to* that many words.

The six scholarships are: I. Academic (x2), II. Presidential (x2), III. Leadership (x2). Your application will be considered for all scholarships for which you are eligible. The number of scholarships in each description is a guide for use by the board which will choose recipients. Total scholarship awards for the entire year are set by the NMNGA board. Individual awards vary from \$700 to \$900.



ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE SCHOLARSHIP (ACADEMIC) x2

*This scholarship is intended for students entering college for the first time regardless of high school graduation date. An award is based primarily on the individual's high school academic achievements. There will be **two** Academic Excellence Scholarship awarded in the amount of \$900.00. Applicants must submit the following to be considered eligible:*

1. A copy of all high school transcripts reflecting a minimum overall GPA of 3.5. The school may e-mail it directly to NMNGA Scholarship Committee at: scholarships@nmnga.net

SUBJECT: NMNGA Academic Excellence Scholarships and Applicants Name

2. An original essay of no less than 500 words describing your personal academic achievements, awards, and future educational goals. Also include non-academic achievements and extra-curricular activities.

3. Submit entire 2024-2025 New Mexico National Guard Association Scholarship Application packet via e-mail to: scholarships@nmnga.net

Packet should include:

1. Completed New Mexico National Guard Association Scholarship Application Form 2024-2025 Academic Year
2. Essay of a minimum of 500 words
3. A copy of all college transcripts reflecting a minimum overall GPA of 3.5
4. Submitted no later than 01 March 2024
5. Applications will not be reviewed without all documentation



PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLARSHIP (PRESIDENTIAL) x2

*This scholarship is intended for students entering college for the first time regardless of high school graduation date. An award is based on the individual's high school academic achievements and nonacademic achievements. There will be **two** Presidential Scholarships awarded in the amount of \$700.00. Applicants must submit the following to be considered eligible:*

1. A copy of all high school transcripts reflecting a minimum overall GPA of 3.0. The school may e-mail it directly to NMNGA Scholarship Committee at: scholarships@nmnga.net

SUBJECT: NMNGA Presidential Scholarships and Applicants Name

2. An original essay of at least 500 words describing your personal academic achievements, awards, and future educational goals. Also include nonacademic achievements and extra-curricular activities. If the applicant is an Army or Air Guard officer, he/she must include a summation of how his/her further education will directly and positively impact the New Mexico National Guard.

3. Submit entire 2024-2025 New Mexico National Guard Association Scholarship Application packet via e-mail to: scholarships@nmnga.net

Packet should include:

1. Completed New Mexico National Guard Association (NMNGA) Scholarship Application Form 2024-2025 Academic Year
2. Essay of a minimum of 500 words
3. A copy of all college transcripts reflecting a minimum overall GPA of 3.0
4. Submitted no later than 01 March 2024
5. Applications will not be reviewed without all documentation



GOVERNMENT/COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP (LEADERSHIP) x2

*This scholarship is intended for students committed to enhancing the American quality of life through demonstrated leadership in student or community government. There will be **two** Leadership Scholarships awarded in the amount of \$800.00. Applicants must submit the following to be considered eligible:*

1. A copy of all high school and/or college transcripts reflecting a minimum overall GPA of 2.5. The school may e-mail it directly to NMNGA Scholarship Committee at: scholarships@nmnga.net

SUBJECT: NMNGA Government/Community Leadership Scholarships and Applicants Name

2. An original essay of between 500 and 1000 words describing your leadership contributions to student government or community programs. Include letters of reference attesting to these contributions. These letters are not required to qualify, but will make your packet much more competitive.
3. Submit entire 2024-2025 New Mexico National Guard Association Scholarship Application packet via e-mail to: scholarships@nmnga.net

Packet should include:

1. Completed New Mexico National Guard Association (NMNGA) Scholarship Application Form 2024-2025 Academic Year
2. Essay of between 500 and 1000 words
3. A copy of all transcripts reflecting a minimum overall GPA of 2.5
4. Submitted no later than 01 March 2024
5. Applications will not be reviewed without all documentation



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Applications for all New Mexico National Guard Association Scholarships must be received *no later than 01 March 2024* for scholarship consideration in the next academic year. To ensure fullest consideration, all required materials must be included. Scholarships will only be paid to accredited institutions once proof of admission is provided to the Scholarship Committee Chairman.

Electronically send completed scholarship packets to:

MAJ Anthony Kessel, NMNGA Scholarship Chairperson
scholarships@nmnga.net
(701) 290-4585

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MAJ Anthony Kessel
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NMNGA Executive Committee