

U. S. NAVY DIVERS ASSOCIATION, INC

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DAVID BALL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION -- FOR 2022

PLEASE READ THE APPLICATION and THIS APPLICATION LETTER CAREFULLY and COMPLETELY

The entries on this application and associated documents must be **COMPLETE, ACCURATE**, and **LEGIBLE**. Review the application for completeness before submitting. Verify that all blocks are filled in correctly and all attachments are included. Incomplete blocks or failure to complete any block could be reason for refusal to consider the application by the NDA Scholarship Committee.

Members of the U. S. Navy Divers Association, Inc. (NDA) believe that all young people qualified for admittance to an accredited college or vocational institute should be financially able to attend that school which would best serve their purpose. Enrolling in college or vocational school is a major career decision - a very important and worthy goal. Education in the private sector creates a monetary struggle to meet the expense of each term. It would be unfortunate to delay or forego higher education because of the severe financial strain it would impose upon the student, their parent(s), grandparent(s) or legal guardian(s).

Therefore, the NDA has made available a scholarship program for qualified dependent sons, daughters, stepchildren, legally adopted children, grandchildren and great grandchildren of persons (whether living or deceased) who have successfully completed a course in diving from a U. S. Navy diving school. The number of scholarships awarded is completely dependent on the number of successful scholarship applications received and the monies available for distribution from the NDA Scholarship Fund.

Beginning in 2020 the award per applicant is for \$2,000 annually for a total of up to \$8,000 over four years. Initial application is made using the form below.

Successful recipients must submit a shortened form to continue receiving NDA scholarship funding annually demonstrating academic progress acceptable to the Scholarship Committee. Scholarships are granted on the assumption that students will continuously enroll for consecutive academic years. Should a recipient elect to interrupt their education for a semester or longer, a new application must be submitted that will be considered equally with other applications received for initial grants.

Applicants must either be (1) a high school senior, (2) a graduate of an accredited high school, or (3) be in possession of a General Educational Development (GED) certificate and be under

the age of 23. The applicant must verify evidence of (1) scholastic proficiency, (2) extra-curricular activities (high school only), and (3) awards granted in school and/or the community. Applicants must also indicate how this scholarship will affect them financially, (i.e., purchasing books, tuition, living expenses, etc.). At least two letters of reference or recommendation should be enclosed from persons other than the applicant's parent, grandparent or school Guidance Counselor.

Applications for scholarships will be made available annually. Completed applications must be forwarded to the Scholarship Committee **POSTMARKED PRIOR** to the closing date of 31 March 2022.

ALL FIRST-TIME applications **MUST** be accompanied with the following information and/or attachments and complete the attached **FIRST-TIME** three-page application:

- a. An official high school transcript or official transcript of all college semesters completed. (Transcripts may be forwarded to the scholarship chairperson if not received before the application submission deadline. However, all transcripts must be received by the NDA prior to July 1 of the year of scholarship award).
- b. At least two references/recommendations.
- c. Financial need, (i.e., purchasing books, tuition, living expenses, etc.)
- d. A copy of the letter of acceptance to an accredited college/institution of higher learning (Letter may be forwarded to the scholarship chairperson if not received before the application submission deadline but must be received by the NDA prior to July 1).
- e. An essay of 400 words or less detailing why he/she is deserving of this U. S, Navy Divers Association, Inc. scholarship. Essays must include the applicant's ideas as to what he/she is planning regarding his/her future and a life plan on making the world a better place. If possible, the essay should be prepared in a printed manner to facilitate ease of reading by the Scholarship Committee.
- f. Verification of sponsor's successful completion of a formal course in U. S. Navy Diving. This can be substantiated by furnishing a copy of a graduation certificate, a copy of the DD214 or some other verifiable document. Ensure the complete Social Security Account Number of *that individual* is **NOT** visible.

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

The information submitted will be filed in strict confidence available only to the NDA Scholarship Committee in compliance with the Privacy Act of 1974, Public Law 93-380.

Eligibility, as defined, is an individual under age 23, being the son, daughter, grandchild or great grandchild (including legally adopted and stepchildren) of a living or deceased diver who successfully completed a U. S. Navy diver training course.

It is the responsibility of each student to take the necessary steps to gain admission to the college/university or other institution he/she desires to attend. This includes the taking of the College Board exams, if applicable.

The entries on the application must be **COMPLETE, ACCURATE, and LEGIBLE**. Before submitting this application, review the application for completeness. Verify that all blocks are filled in correctly and all attachments are included. Incomplete blocks or failure to complete any block could be reason for refusal by the NDA Scholarship Committee.

The sponsor, as stated in this application, refers to the parent, stepparent, grandparent, great grandparent or legal guardian who successfully completed a U. S. Navy diving school.

Please ensure all complete Social Security Account numbers have been redacted on all documents and correspondence you send to the NDA Scholarship Committee.

Scholarship monies, upon favorable review, will be awarded to those successful scholarship applicants who have been accepted and do enroll in an approved and accredited institution of higher learning. Evidence of this, in the form of a copy of "student registration" indicating the "program and classes," must be forwarded annually to the NDA Scholarship Chairperson no later than 15 April of the year the applicant is registered to attend an approved and accredited institution of higher learning.

Awards to the successful applicants will be announced in the **month of May** by mail each year and again at the NDA bi-annual meeting for the current and previous year awards. The monetary award, in the form of a check drawn on the NDA Scholarship Fund, will be mailed to the successful applicants annually **during the month of July**.

Send for application and remit all correspondence to **Scholarship Chairperson**:

U. S. Navy Divers Association, Inc.

Jim Phalin, MDV USN, Ret
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Questions concerning the scholarship program may be directed to any scholarship committee member via the above address.

Sincerely,

Jim Phalin

Jim Phalin, MDV USN, Ret
Scholarship Committee Chairperson

Encl: (1) NDA First-Time Scholarship Application
(2) NDA Subsequent Short-Form Scholarship Application

Part I
FIRST-TIME APPLICANT INFORMATION -- 2022

Full Name: _____ Male/Female _____
(Last, First, Middle)
Date of Birth: _____ Marital Status: _____ SSAN: _____
(Day, Mo., Yr - xxxx) (S/M/D) (Last 4)
Permanent Address: _____
(Street/City/State/Zip Code)
Email Address: _____ Phone: _____
(xxx-xxx-xxxx)

Part II
SPONSOR INFORMATION
(Parent, Step-Parent, Grandparent or Guardian whose diving service qualifies applicant)

Sponsor's Name: _____ Relationship _____
Address: _____ Phone: _____
Email Address: _____
Date Diving Duty Began: _____ Diver Initial Qualification Date: _____
If Active - Name and address of current duty station or Reserve Unit or Date of Discharge / Retirement

Part III
EDUCATION

<u>Name/Address of High School</u> <u>Attending or Graduated</u>	<u>Dates Attended</u>	<u>Graduation Date/Major</u>
_____	_____	_____

<u>Name/Address of College(s)</u> <u>Accredited Institution(s) Attending</u>	<u>Dates Attended</u>	<u>Graduation Date/Major</u>
_____	_____	_____

<u>Name/Address of College(s)</u> <u>Accredited Institution(s) to Which Applied</u>	<u>Dates Attended</u>	<u>Graduation Date/Major</u>
_____	_____	_____

Part IV
**EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES AND AWARDS (SCHOLASTIC AND
COMMUNITY RELATED) -- (Continue on Additional Sheet If Needed)**

Part V
SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT INFORMATION

Attach certified copies of all pertinent transcripts from previous academic achievement.

Please include class ranking and class size.

A school counselor, advisor or teacher that may be considered beneficial to student's application may use the space provided below for any remarks, recommendations, etc.

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**Part VI
ESSAY**

The applicant must tell why, in 400 words or less, he/she is deserving of this Scholarship as well as how this award will help them financially. Emphasis must be placed on the applicant's ideas on making the world a better place in which to live and his/her contribution to this plan. (Additional sheet(s) should be used and attached).

The appropriate representative from the student's current high school / accredited school of higher education is requested to review and verify this form, attach a copy of the student's official transcript, including grades achieved on or before **March 31, 2022** and forward to:

U. S. Navy Divers Association, Inc.
Scholarship Committee
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Signature of Applicant and Date -- **REQUIRED**

Signature of Verifying Representative (as noted above in red) and Date --
REQUIRED

Part I
SUBSEQUENT SHORT-FORM APPLICANT INFORMATION -- 2022

Full Name: _____ SSAN: _____
(Last, First, Middle) (Last 4 Only)
Permanent Address: _____
(Street/City/State/Zip Code)
Email Address: _____ Phone: _____
(xxx-xxx-xxxx)

Part II
EDUCATION

<u>Name/Address of College(s)</u> <u>Accredited Institution(s) Attending</u>	<u>Dates Attended</u>	<u>Graduation Date/Major</u>
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Part III
COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY TRANSCRIPT INFORMATION

Attach certified copies of all pertinent transcripts with most current grades.

Signature of Applicant and Date -- **REQUIRED**

Signature of College/University Representative Verifying Application and Date
-- **REQUIRED**