Our Scholars Say…

"NSSP provided a tremendous amount of value for a relatively minor time commitment and put me in an excellent position to reinforce my classroom experience in a real-world setting surrounded by some of the industry's leading technological minds"

~ Johns Hopkins University, ManTech intern

"I can say with confidence that I have a much more focused view on what I would like to accomplish with my future career, and with the connections I have made through NSSP I am confident that I will be able to do so with ease."

~ Loyola University Maryland, Raytheon intern

"It is a little difficult signing onto the program with all of the uncertainty that lies ahead of acceptance but it was wholly worth it. With not applying for a specific position, I feel like I was able to be placed in a workplace that suited my skill set, while also expanding it beyond what I had previously imagined. The process itself is daunting, as it should be, but the outcome is definitely worth the wait."

~ Hood College, Northrup Gruman intern

The National Security Scholars Program (NSSP) 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:

Capitol Technology University

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 Adventist University

Washington College

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Overview

Protecting our nation's most critical assets from hazards—both internal and external, natural and man-made—makes the national security field a vital focus for the future. Cyber security, in particular, is one area posing complex challenges for the world today. 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.

Responding to the needs of the national security industry, the Independent College Fund of Maryland (the I-Fund) helps develop a workforce prepared to handle the many aspects of protecting our nation through its National Security Scholars Program (NSSP). 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 upon graduation.

Return on Investment

Just 10% of program donations are maintained for administrative costs—with 90% allocated directly to students.

Program Benefits for Scholars

- Paid internship opportunities with defense and intelligence industry giants
- Assistance with processing toward a valuable national security clearance
- The chance to explore a meaningful and challenging career path in national security
- Scholarships sent directly to the I-Fund member college or university for the academic year following the year in which application is submitted

Candidate Eligibility

- Must be a U.S. citizen at time of application
- Must be a full-time undergraduate attending an I-Fund member college or university
- Must be a sophomore or junior with a minimum of 24 credit hours at October application deadline
- Must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0
- Must have a career interest in the national security field
- Preferred majors include: Business • Computer Forensics • Computer Science • Cyber Security • Economics • Engineering (Software—JAVA, Cloud, Ruby-on-Rails, C, C++, C#, Computer, Electrical & Systems) • Forensic Accounting • Information Assurance • Information Systems • International Affairs/Relations/Area Studies • Mathematics • and related fields to these majors. Consideration will also be given to Accounting, Finance, History, Languages (Chinese, Persian Farsi, Russian, Korean, Arabic, Pashto, and Urdu), Liberal Arts, Physics, and Political Science
- Must submit signed application and supporting documents by deadline
- Must be available for an in-person interview on November 14 or 15 (check www.micua.org/nssp for more information)
- Must successfully complete security clearance process by May 15
- Must be willing to accept a paid summer internship with a program partner

To Apply

Application is available online at www.micua.org/nssp. Please email llivingston@micua.org of your intent to apply and submit a completed (typed and signed) original application to your campus liaison by the deadline. The following information must be submitted:

- Resume included with your application;
- 300–500 word essay (see website for details);
- Two signed letters of recommendation; and
- 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 national security clearance completion and approval.
- 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

October 15, 2019
Completed application and all supporting documents must be received by your Financial Aid Office no later than this date

November 1, 2019
Applicants notified by email regarding eligibility for an interview

November 14 & 15
Candidate face-to-face interviews scheduled

December 1
Program semi-finalists notified

January – May 15, 2020
Security clearance processing ongoing; students are notified of results

Late June/Early August
Students approved for clearance are notified of internship assignments by May 15 and of scholarship awards in early June