Our Scholars Say...

"Without this program, many of us would be hard pressed to pay for our educations, or find internships with such reputable businesses… I hope to make the best of what this program has to offer and exceed the expectations of those who brought me on board. Thank you!"
~Junior, Stevenson University, Lockheed Martin intern

"The NSSP experience is very organized and somewhat rigorous and I feel it is excellent preparation that will aid me in the exployment application process in the future. The interview process permitted me to meet with individuals representing several prestigious companies. Thank you for this rare opportunity."
~Junior, Hood College, CACI intern

"I am grateful for the experiences I have had since apprlying to the program in October. Thank you for the generous scholarship, internship, and useful knowledge gained."
~Sophomore, McDaniel College, TechUSA intern

"Thank you for this unique and rewarding opportunity. Even though the NSSP selection process was long, it was well worth the wait and my best efforts. And with this program's support, I am working to gain the necessary experience and enhance my computer science knowledge. I have been exposed to so much already and cannot wait to learn more."
~Junior, Mount St. Mary's University, Raytheon 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 College

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

Students at other Maryland independent colleges may also be eligible; please check the website for updates. For more information, please contact Lori Subotich at lsubotich@micua.org or visit micua.org/nssp.

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"Every college student fears graduating and not being able to find work, but the NSSP has provided us not just marketable experience but contact with major companies. It's hard to put a value on it or thank you enough for it!"
~Junior, Loyola University Maryland,
Raytheon intern

Overview

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.

In a world where attacks come from a variety of sources, internal security has become a paramount focus of national security. Cyber security is one area posing complex challenges for the world today. 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.

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 businesses, today and in the future, 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 in the public and private sectors upon graduation.

Program Benefits for Partners

- Fully cleared interns (TS-SCI with full scope poly)
- Direct access to I-Fund member campuses
- Increased visibility of mission and opportunities for employment
- Distinct pipeline of highly-differentiated, mission-focused interns
- Tangible impact on qualified employees entering national security field
- Interns hired in the Industry Alliance

Program Benefits for Scholars

- Paid internship opportunities with defense and intelligence industry partners
- Assistance with processing toward a valuable national security clearance
- Scholarships sent directly to an 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 majoring in or have defined interest in one of the preferred majors or related fields
- 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)
- Must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0
- Must submit 300-500 word essay along with letters of recommendation and transcripts
- Must be available for in-person interview on two days in early November
- Must successfully complete security clearance process by May 31
- Must be able to serve summer internship following clearance process

To Apply

Interested candidates should visit micua.org/nssp.

TIMELINE

September-October
- Campus presentations
- Open application process

October-November
- Close application process
- NSSP Board meets **mid-October** for initial screening of applications to identify candidates invited to interview
- In-person inverviews over two days in **early November** to include selection of semi-finalists

December-May
- Program semi-finalists notified, are prescreened via phone by NSA representative
- Successful candidates directed to complete and submit long form by **December** date
- Security clearance process ongoing with clearance approval **deadline of May 31**
- Intern sponsors prioritize intern candidates for placement
- Internship matches assigned by **mid-May**

June-August
- Scholarship award notification made by **early June**
- Internships served
- Annual NSSP **dinner in June** for NSSP Scholars and Program Partners
- Website and collateral materials updated

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