



The National Defense Industrial Association (NDIA) has nearly six decades of service to the nation as an educational, scientific, engineering, non-profit society of American citizens dedicated to promoting our Nation's Defense. Accomplishment of our goals requires continuous, high quality, close working relationships among industry, academia, government, and the military services.

The NDIA firmly believes that maintaining strong technological leadership in America is essential to maintaining a strong national defense. In support of this goal, the Picatinny Chapter of the NDIA has established several Scholarship and Awards Programs that are designed to provide financial assistance based on merit to students in pursuit of high technology educational programs. This particular scholarship program is made in honor of Mr. Jim Shields who served the US Army at Picatinny Arsenal for 34 years and finished his service as 2-Star Program Executive Officer for JPEO A&A.

### **JIM SHIELDS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

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#### **Number of Scholarships to be awarded:**

This year the NDIA intends to award 2-3 scholarships of \$10,000 to \$15,000 each.

#### **Eligibility:**

Students must be a graduating high school senior in the school year in which the application is being submitted. Candidates for NDIA Picatinny Scholarships must also have parental or familial history with Picatinny Arsenal – and noted in their application.

#### **Evaluation Criteria:**

- Ability as demonstrated by:
  - Transcript
  - SAT Scores
- Participation in extracurricular activities and awards received while in high school.
- Counselor and one teacher recommendation.
- Career Objectives.
- Completion of an essay on the importance of Defense Preparedness for our country (Approximately 1,000 words).

#### **Deadline Date for Applications To Be submitted:**

Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026

#### **Scholarship Awards Dinner:**

Tuesday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2026

#### **Scholarships Notification:**

Tuesday, May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2026

#### **Applications should be mailed to:**

NDIA, P.O. Box 528, Wharton, NJ 07885

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#### **Notes:**

- Typewritten statements are preferred when completing this application.
- Family members of the Evaluation Team and/or Scholarship Corporation Trustees, or prior recipients of
- Picatinny Chapter Scholarships are not eligible for this scholarship.
- The scholarship will be awarded to eligible students without regard to race, creed, or national origin.

NATIONAL DEFENSE INDUSTRIAL ASSOCIATION  
**2026 JIM SHIELDS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

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Student's Full Name

Student's Address:

Telephone:

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Street

City

State Zip

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Area Code & Number

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Name of High School

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Graduation Date

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Name of College Attending

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Entrance Date

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Graduation Date/Degree

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Signature of Student

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Date

**DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE**

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This application with attached exhibits has been reviewed, the statements verified, and it is in conformity with rules and regulations set forth by the NDIA Picatinny Chapter.

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Date

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NDIA Secretary Name

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Signature

**NATIONAL DEFENSE INDUSTRIAL ASSOCIATION**  
**2026 JIM SHIELDS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Please indicate your parental or familial history with Picatinny Arsenal:

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2. Participation in extracurricular activities (indicate activity and year(s) of participation). You may list in space provided or add separate sheet.

a. Club and Athletic Team Participation: \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

b. Community, Church, Athletic, Service Club Membership and/or activities: \_\_\_\_\_

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c. Work Experience: \_\_\_\_\_

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3. Positions of leadership (state name of organization or team, position held and year):

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4. Honors and awards received (state nature of award or honor and year received):

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5. College degree program you are pursuing:

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6. List other scholarships which you have received:

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7. Indicate the names of the High School Staff who have prepared your reference letters (III C):

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8. Attach statement of Career Objectives (III D):

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9. Attach essay as requested in "Evaluation Criteria" (III E):

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