

AFCEA Quantico-Potomac Chapter 2026/27 Scholarship Form

The AFCEA Quantico-Potomac Chapter plans to award scholarships to highly qualified students from Quantico, Stafford, Fauquier and Prince William Counties. Subject to the availability of funds and quality of applications, scholarships will be awarded to students enrolled for the Fall 2026 academic year as a full-time student. Students must prove acceptance and enrollment in a Science, Technology, Engineering, or Mathematics (STEM) major that leads to a bachelor's degree. The scholarship committee's focus is to encourage students to pursue professional STEM careers, especially supporting AFCEA's focus on military communications, cybersecurity, information technology, and network systems.

Applications will be accepted immediately, but due NLT April 24, 2026

Eligibility (and non-eligibility) Criteria – Please Read All to Avoid Integrity Issues

- Applicants must be U.S. citizens or possess a Study & Exchange Visa (F-1), or Immigration Visa holders, in HS or college, pursuing a STEM related degree.
- Applicants must be either a graduating high school senior or an undergraduate college student (Freshman to Junior).
- Applicants must be accepted for enrollment during the 2026/27 academic year in a full-time course of study at an accredited college or university in the United States. NOTE: Enrollment in distance learning programs does NOT meet this requirement.
- The applicant's course of study must lead to a Bachelor of Science degree in one of the STEM disciplines. See the below paragraph for more details.
- Eligible applicants must reside, and attend school, on the Marine Corps Base at Quantico, or in Stafford, Fauquier, or Prince William County, Virginia. This includes the cities of Manassas, Manassas Park, and Fredericksburg.
- Home-schooled and private high school students residing in Stafford or Prince William County are qualified to apply.
- Applicants who have received appointments to military academies, or four-year ROTC scholarships, are NOT eligible.
- Applicants are eligible for only one scholarship award by an AFCEA Chapter per year. Ex: A student cannot receive a scholarship from the Quantico-Potomac chapter and the Belvoir chapters in the same year.
- Applicants who are using the "Post 911" GI-Bill are NOT eligible.

Qualifying STEM majors include: Aeronautical Engineering, Biology, Biometry/Biometrics, Civil Engineering, Chemistry, Computer Engineering, Computer Forensics Science, Computer Programming, Computer Science, Computer Systems, Cybersecurity, Electrical Engineering, Electronics Engineering, Geospatial Science, Information Science, Information Technology, Information Resource Management, Mathematics, Mechanical Engineering, Network Engineering, Network Security, Neuroscience, Physics, Robotics Engineering, Robotics Technology, Statistics, and Telecommunications Engineering

*The scholarship board reserves the right to evaluate additional majors on a case-by-case basis.

Scholarship Application Procedures (Please Read as Directions Have Changed)

Scholarship application packages must be submitted by mail in an 8.5"x11" envelope with postmarks dated no later than March 20, 2026

Selection: The Board of Directors of the AFCEA Quantico-Potomac Chapter will appoint a Scholarship Selection Committee composed of current Chapter members to review and rank applications. The Scholarship Committee Chairperson will offer AFCEA Quantico-Potomac Chapter Scholarships to applicants in the order of their ranking by the selection committee up to the availability of scholarship funding. Applicants will be asked to confirm their continued eligibility for an award. In the event that a primary selectee does not confirm eligibility for an award, scholarships will be offered to alternate selectees. The Scholarship Committee Chairperson will notify scholarship winners of their final selection for awards no later than May 29, 2026.

Award Procedures:

Scholarship funds will be paid directly to the Finance Office of the scholarship winner's chosen college/university in the form of a check drawn on the AFCEA Quantico-Potomac Chapter Education Fund account.

The Chapter will send representatives to the 2026 Academic Awards ceremonies at the students' schools to recognize the students before an audience of their parents, teachers, and peers.

Those who do not receive their awards at a year-end academic awards ceremony will be invited to attend one of Chapter's Monthly luncheon meetings to receive their awards.

For Further Information: Email James Longi at longi_jim@aac.com with the subject line "AFCEA 2026 Scholarship".

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Application Procedures

Complete the following forms included in this document:

- Privacy Statement co-signed by Applicant and Parent
- Applicant Information Form
- Scholastic Standing Form (Completed/Signed by Counselor/Advisor)
- Applicant's Personal Statement (200-250 words).

Attach the following additional documents:

- Graduating high school seniors (only) – a letter of recommendation from your academic counselor or a math, science, or engineering teacher
- Letter of acceptance or proof of enrollment from the college or university for the 2026/27 academic year
- Official academic transcripts for the two most recently completed academic years

Applications MUST be submitted by Mail in an 8.5"x11" Envelop. Mail to:

AFCEA Quantico Potomac Chapter
(Attn: Scholarship Committee)
142 Crown Manor Drive
Stafford, VA 22556

IMPORTANT: The Scholarship Committee reserves the right to confirm any information included in the scholarship application. Any inclusion of false or fraudulent information on the application will immediately disqualify the applicant. If false or fraudulent information is discovered after the scholarship award is announced, the award will be rescinded and the student's high school and college/university will be notified.

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PRIVACY STATEMENT: The personal information requested herein and personal statement(s) will be used to evaluate the applicant's eligibility for scholarships to be awarded by the AFCEA Quantico-Potomac Chapter. The information will be maintained by the AFCEA Quantico-Potomac Chapter and will be released only to individuals who serve on the Chapter's Scholarship Selection Committee. Under no circumstances will any applicant's personal information be disclosed to anyone outside of this AFCEA Chapter. The applicant's submission of the information requested is voluntary; however, failure to provide all of the requested information may hinder evaluation of the application and reduce the likelihood of a scholarship award to the applicant.

I agree not to contest the AFCEA Quantico-Potomac Chapter's Scholarship Selection Committee's choice of scholarship winners for the Chapter's 2026/27 Scholarship Program. I affirm that all information provided in this application is true to the best of my knowledge and that I have read and understand the privacy statement above.

Signature of Applicant: _____ **Date:** _____

Signature of Parent: _____ **Date:** _____

A parent's signature is not required if the applicant is above the age of 18 and was not claimed as a dependent on a parent's previous year tax return.

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Community Service Honors And Awards				
Award/Recognition	Presented by	Year		
Extra-Curricular Activities				
Organization	Office Held	From mo/yr)	To (mo/yr)	
Work Experience: List your work experience, whether part-time, vacation, or other during the past three years. (use additional sheet if required)				
From (mo/yr)	To (mo/yr)	Name of Business	Your Job	Hrs/WK
Other noteworthy achievements to be considered by the Selection Committee				

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Academic Standing Information (To be completed by Counselor/Academic Advisor)

Applicant's Name: _____

School: _____

Class Standing: Upper _____ % of total class.

Number of students in class: _____

GPA (indicate basis, i.e., 4.0 or 5.0 system) _____

SAT Scores: Math _____ Verbal _____ Writing _____

Counselor's Name: _____

Telephone: _____

E-Mail: _____

Is the student applicant enrolled for the 2026/27 academic year in a course of study at a four-year accredited college or university that will lead to a Bachelor of Science degree within four years of undergraduate study?
Yes _____ No _____

Declared Academic Major: _____

College or University: _____

Counselor's Signature: _____

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Applicant's Personal Statement

In 200-250 words, discuss the factors and influences that have led you to consider an academic major in the hard sciences or engineering disciplines and your reasons for pursuing a career in your chosen field. *Please note that the quality of your statement is heavily weighted in the Scholarship Committee's evaluation!*