



Scholarship Application

Deadline for Submission: Application must be postmarked by May 31, 2026.

Please read all instructions and return the completed application with required items to:

National Drilling Association

For information contact:

216-210-3827 | info@nda4u.net | www.nda4u.net

On an annual basis, The National Drilling Association awards \$1000 scholarships to deserving students who are attending a vocational school or college for post-secondary education. The scholarship can be utilized for tuition, books or lab fees. Up to 5 scholarships may be awarded each year.

To file a completed application, it is necessary to follow the steps below, complete the enclosed forms as directed and attach the required items.

ELIGIBILITY: Any properly executed application will be accepted. To qualify, the applicant must:

- Be a member, or the child, grandchild or spouse of an individual member in good standing (membership for a minimum of one year) of NDA.
- Be a high school senior, high school graduate, or college undergraduate;
- Maintain at least a 2.5 grade point average during their last two years of formal education. An applicant who has been out of school for more than two years may submit transcripts or no less than two employment related recommendations.
- Be able to provide transcripts including cumulative grade point averages (high school seniors) or the latest available transcript from an educational institution.

PROCEDURE: The applicant must complete the following application in full and it **must be post marked by May 31, 2026 OR received on our website by May 31, 2026 to be eligible**. Applicants may apply multiple times over subsequent years. However, someone can only receive the scholarship twice.

REVIEW: Eligible applications are reviewed and selected by the Scholarship Committee. Evaluations are based on:

- Class and rank
- Academic achievement, grade point average (weighted/non-weighted) and honors received
- Quality of the essay
- Community involvement

DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS: The winning applicants will be notified by June 20, 2026. Scholarship funds will be mailed directly to the financial aid department of the school the applicant is to attend or is attending. The funds must be used in the year the scholarship is awarded.

The winning applicants will make a pre-recorded message to be played at our annual convention, they may attend in person or participate virtually at our annual convention!

National Drilling Association Scholarship Application 2026

Applicant Name: _____

1. Member Affiliation:

Scholarships are awarded to members, or the children, grandchildren or spouse of an individual who is a member in good standing (membership for a minimum of one year).

Indicate Eligibility (Circle One): Member Spouse of a Member Child/Grandchild of a Member

Name of Sponsoring Member: _____ Company: _____

2. Current School Status (Circle One):

H.S. Senior H.S. Graduate Passed GED College Freshman College Sophomore
College Junior College Senior Returning student (out of school for more than two years)

Class Size: _____ Class Rank: _____

3. College or University:

*If you are already enrolled in, or have already been accepted to a college or university, provide the information requested below. If you have applied but have not yet been accepted, provide the information requested below for the college or university that is your first choice. Once accepted to a school, **IT IS THE APPLICANTS RESPONSIBILITY TO NOTIFY THE NDA OFFICE OF THE SCHOOL OF ATTENDANCE.***

Name of Institution: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Circle One: Presently Enrolled Accepted but not Enrolled Applied for Admission

Planned Dates of Attendance: _____

Planned Field of Study: _____

4. Previous NDA Scholarship Awards:

Have you previously received a NDA scholarship award? (Circle One) Yes No

If yes, indicate year received: _____

5. Applicant Personal Information:

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Birthdate: _____ Student ID (if currently enrolled): _____

5. Application Attachments:

Transcripts:

Applicants will not be considered without a transcript. High school seniors must submit a transcript with their cumulative grade point average. College students must submit the latest available college transcript. Applicants who have been out of school for more than two years may submit transcripts or no less than two employment related recommendations. Grade point average will be considered in awarding the scholarships; however, it is not the only consideration.

Circle One: Transcript Enclosed with this Application Transcript to be Sent by Deadline
Employment Related Recommendations Attached

Letter of Reference:

Enclose one letter of reference from a non-family individual such as guidance counselor, teacher, or employer.

Essay:

Respond to the following questions:

- Why do you want to continue your education?
- What are your ambitions and goals?
- How will you use your education to benefit your community and the world?

Include one paragraph on one of the following:

- How does this industry contribute to the greater good of society?
- As a young person, what could our industry do to attract more people of your age to opportunities within the industry, with or without a college degree?

On a separate page, respond to the following question:

- What role has NDA and the geotechnical/environmental industry played in your life and the life of your family?

Guidelines:

- Enclose the essay with this application. Minimum size: 500 words.
- In writing your essay use correct grammar, spelling and punctuation.
- Address the essay questions in detail.
- When answering the questions, include personal experiences, insights or reflections.

You may submit your application packet via postal mail or electronically in pdf, jpg or MS Word format (or combination thereof) or through our website at www.nda4u.com/scholarship

I affirm that the information that I have provided on this application, or any supportive material, is complete, accurate, and true to the best of my knowledge. I understand that furnishing false information may result in disciplinary action.

Applicant's Signature

Date

Postal mail submissions are to be sent to:
National Drilling Association

Electronic submissions are to be emailed to:
info@nda4u.net

POST MARKED OR ELECTRONIC DATE STAMPED NO LATER THAN MAY 31, 2026