



US Space Force Guardian Scholarship

The Space Force Association is a non-profit 501c(3) organization created to provide an intellectual space for discussion and debate relevant to the US Space Force and to give a voice to space professionals to contribute their ideas, opinions, and research on the pursuit of spacepower.

The DC Chapter and the Rocket City Chapter of the Space Force Association proudly announce the US Space Force Guardian Scholarship, a dedicated award honoring the service, commitment, and academic excellence of United States Space Force Guardians and future Guardians.

This scholarship is specifically designed to support currently serving Guardians, former Guardians, and contracted future Guardians who are pursuing higher education while advancing the future of spacepower.

Building upon the broader Future Space Professionals Scholarship, the Guardian Scholarship sponsored by the DC Chapter and Rocket City Chapter recognizes those who have demonstrated, or formally committed to, service in the United States Space Force. This award supports Guardians and future Guardians who are pursuing higher education as part of their continued professional development and long-term contribution to space enterprise.

The SFA will consider all qualified applicants for scholarship award. Required applicant qualifications:

1. Military Status Requirement, Applicants must fall into one of the following categories:
 - Currently Serving Guardian in the United States Space Force
 - Former Guardian who previously served in the United States Space Force and received an Honorable Discharge (DD Form 214 required)
 - ROTC Cadet Under Government Contract who is currently enrolled in a Reserve Officer Training Corps program and formally contracted to receive a commission in the United States Space Force
2. Full or part-time enrollment in an accredited university; pursuing a bachelor's or master's degree.
3. Maintain a GPA of 3.4 or higher.
4. Demonstrated commitment to entering or continuing service within the community of space professionals, including service in the United States Space Force, United States Government, industry, or private space ventures.

Application Process

Applicants should submit the following documents to the Director, Space Education Committee, at SFAScholarships@ussfa.org **No Later Than May 1st 2026 at 1200 Eastern Time:**

1. The attached application form in PDF format.
2. A completed statement of intent to enter the community of space professionals.

Additionally, all applicants must have a letter of recommendation which explains why the applicant is worthy of the scholarship and confirmation statement of the applicant's GPA and, where applicable, military status.



Recommendation Letter Requirements

Because applicants may be serving in different capacities, the recommendation requirement reflects their status:

- **Currently Serving Guardians:** Must submit a Recommendation Letter from their Commander or First Sergeant.
- **Former Guardians:** Must submit a Faculty Recommendation Letter from a university department faculty member that:
- **ROTC Cadets Contracted for a US Space Force Commission:** Must submit a Recommendation Letter from their ROTC Detachment Commander. This letter should also affirm the applicant's contracted status to commission in the United States Space Force.

The recommendations will be submitted to SFAScholarships@ussfa.org **No Later Than May 1st 2026 at 1200 Eastern Time.**

Finally, Applicants are expected to submit essays and application materials that reflect their own experiences, perspectives, and writing ability. The limited use of artificial intelligence tools for basic editing, proofreading, or formatting assistance is permissible; however, applications that appear to rely heavily on AI-generated content rather than the applicant's original thought and voice may receive point deductions during the evaluation process. The selection committee places significant value on authenticity, personal reflection, and the applicant's demonstrated ability to clearly articulate their own ideas and experiences.

For the 2026 selection cycle there will be three awards available in the value of \$2500 each.



Name: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

University Affiliation: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

Academic Department: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

Degree Program: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

Projected Graduation Date: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

Grade Point Average (GPA): [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

Research interests: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

Professional experience to include work, internships, volunteer work (Organization, period): [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

Active Military / Veteran (Branch, Dates of Service): [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

Recommendation Provider contact information:

Name: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

Professional Email: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

Please respond to the four following essay prompts. Each response should be no less than 500-words and no more than 1000-words.

1. Describe a formative experience during your service or ROTC training. How did it shape your understanding of spacepower, leadership, or national security? How will your education build upon those lessons?
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2. How has your military service or ROTC experience influenced your academic goals? Discuss how your background informs your research interests and future contributions to the space enterprise.
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3. Space operations exist at the intersection of technology and national defense. How can Guardians and future Guardians help bridge operational requirements with technological advancement? Discuss your role in that bridge.
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4. Describe a leadership challenge you faced in service or training. What did you learn about responsibility, risk, and decision-making, and how will those lessons guide your future career?
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