



**United States Geospatial Intelligence Foundation  
2012 Graduate Scholarship Application Form  
INCOMING/CURRENT MASTER'S STUDENT**

Please enter all of the information requested below and follow the submission instructions at the end of this form. **Application deadline is April 20, 2012.**

**Application Process Overview**

Complete and submit the following:

1. Full contact information as detailed on this application form
2. Compose responses to the questions included on this application form
3. Compose essay connecting your academic and professional interests with GEOINT
4. Submit two letters of recommendation on official letterhead
5. Submit college transcript (for course history, unofficial transcript acceptable)

**Applicant Contact Information**

Surname \_\_\_\_\_ First & Middle Names \_\_\_\_\_

College/University \_\_\_\_\_ Student ID # \_\_\_\_\_

Financial Office Contact \_\_\_\_\_

**Campus** City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Major \_\_\_\_\_ Minor \_\_\_\_\_

**Permanent Home Address** Street \_\_\_\_\_

Nation \_\_\_\_\_ Street \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

U.S. Citizen?  Yes  No – *If No, what is your citizenship?* \_\_\_\_\_

**Academic Background**

**Degree**  BS/BA  Master's Completion Date \_\_\_\_\_ GPA \_\_\_\_\_

College/University \_\_\_\_\_ Major \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

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## Evaluation Guidelines

In evaluating scholarship applications, USGIF will first look at the nominee's overall qualifications as demonstrated through academic course work and extracurricular activities. Answers to the first four questions below receive more credit for demonstrated interests that relate to geospatial intelligence. Training and experience in the use of geospatial technologies – within the domain of geographic information science (GISc) and including remote sensing, geographic information systems, and cartography/visualization – are relevant but should not be interpreted as an end objective; rather, they should be viewed as tools for achieving larger goals.

The essay should demonstrate the applicant's comprehension of geospatial issues and how their undergraduate and graduate studies (especially a Master's thesis) prepare the nominee to tackle those issues after graduation. Nominees who are majoring in a field other than geospatial studies (or equivalent) must explain in detail how their future work depends upon and/or benefits geospatial intelligence. Again, knowledge of or training in GISc tools might be relevant but should be considered in context of larger geospatial intelligence challenges/objectives. Essay originality is important in its evaluation.

Each of the four questions is equally important. Each letter of reference is weighted the same as a question. The essay is weighted about the same as the total for the questions. That is, each question is worth roughly 10% (40% total), the essay is approximately 40%, and each letter of reference is about 10% (20% total).

USGIF evaluates nominations on a peer-to-peer basis – Master's program graduate students will only be judged relative to other Master's program graduate students.

**Please answer each of the following questions in 300 words or less, using the space provided:**

1. Describe the highlights of your graduate studies (if just beginning graduate work, review your undergraduate experience). For example, what courses, projects and/or papers were the most interesting, most challenging, or most rewarding? Why?

2. Describe your collegiate extra-curricular activities (e.g., hobbies, personal projects, community service, and professional societies). [Do not include employment, internships, or course-related activities.]

3. Describe any professional experience you have that is related to your studies (include full-time, part-time and summer employment, plus teaching/research assistantships, internships and work-study programs).

4. Provide lists of the following as appropriate: (a) professional affiliations, including societies, certifications, and/or licenses; (b) scholarly and/or professional publications; and (c) scholastic, professional, and civic honors/awards you have received.

## Essay

On separate pages, complete an essay (font size 11 or 12, double-spaced, 3–5 pages) as an attachment to this nomination submission. In this essay, address all of the following:

- Demonstrate or describe your understanding of geospatial intelligence *tradecraft*. This refers to the combination of knowledge and skills (acquired through studies, training and experience) necessary for people in this field to do their jobs well. [It does not involve the history of geographic information science (GISc).]
- Discuss the variety of careers and opportunities available where geospatial intelligence tradecraft can be applied. Compare the similarities and differences among at least 5 different jobs (tables are allowed).
- Explain how your graduate studies and related activities are preparing you for a career in geospatial intelligence. Include a brief description of your graduate research focus and discuss how it advances the science, tools or techniques underlying geospatial intelligence tradecraft. [If just entering graduate studies, reference to a major undergraduate project may be substituted, but also outline a proposed research project that can be accomplished at your graduate university.]
- What are your future career and personal goals and how do they relate to geospatial intelligence tradecraft? What do you want to be doing 10 years from now? Also, what is your motivation for pursuing this field?

Note: The essay should not give the impression of an extended résumé.

## Letters of Recommendation

Submit two letters of recommendation. At least one of these letters should be from an appropriate college/university professor or dean.

## Transcripts

Submit one copy of your undergraduate academic transcripts and one copy of your graduate academic transcripts. [Unofficial copies are allowed.]

## Submission Instructions

Mail the completed application to the address listed below. If you wish to submit this form through email, please send the completed application and **all** supporting materials to [scholarships@usgif.org](mailto:scholarships@usgif.org) along with your name and “*USGIF Scholarship: Graduate Application (Master’s)*” in the subject line. Before sending your application, please remember to include the completed application form and all supporting documentation. **Applications without all requested materials will not be considered.**

### United States Geospatial Intelligence Foundation

ATTN: Scholarships Subcommittee  
2325 Dulles Corner Blvd., Suite 450  
Herndon, VA 20171

**The deadline for submissions is April 20, 2012. All materials must be received on or before this date, including letters of reference.**

## University Financial Contact

Please provide a name or department and address, plus any other information (i.e., a point of contact or phone number), to which USGIF should send the scholarship check should you be awarded.

**NOTE:** All materials submitted to USGIF for consideration will be held by the Scholarship subcommittee and will not be returned to applicants. Please do not send originals of any supporting documents.

***By submitting this form, the applicant agrees to be included in any promotional opportunities surrounding the USGIF scholarships program, including use of applicant’s name and likeness.***