



United States Geospatial Intelligence Foundation
2012 Undergraduate Scholarship Application Form
GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR

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 high school transcript (for course history, unofficial transcript acceptable)

Applicant Contact Information

Surname _____ First & Middle Names _____

High School _____ GPA _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

College/University _____

Planned Major _____

Financial Office Contact _____

Permanent Home Address Street _____

Nation _____ Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone _____ Email _____

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

Evaluation Guidelines

In evaluating scholarship applications, USGIF will first look at the applicant’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 studies (especially any class projects and/or independent studies) prepare the nominee to tackle those issues after graduation. Nominees who are majoring in a field other than geospatial studies (or equivalent) must explain 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 – graduating high school seniors will only be judged relative to other graduating high school seniors.

Please answer each of the following questions in 250 words or less, using the space provided:

1. Describe the highlights of your high school studies. For example, what courses, projects and/or papers were the most interesting, most challenging, or most rewarding? Why?

2. Describe your high school extra-curricular activities (e.g., hobbies, personal projects, and community service). Also include any paid employment that relates to geospatial topics.

3. Describe the academic and extra-curricular goals you have in mind for your collegiate studies.

4. List any scholastic or civic recognition you have received.

Essay

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

- Your understanding of GISc (what it involves and how it is used, not the history of GISc) and the geospatial intelligence *tradecraft*; how GISc is valuable in addressing one or more needs of your local community; and a discussion of related commercial or public geospatial technologies.
- Descriptions of at least three job opportunities available to GISc specialists.
- Goals for what you want to do upon graduation from college, and how they involve, depend upon, or advance the use of GISc.
- Your motivation for pursuing this field.

Letters of Recommendation

Submit two letters of recommendation. At least one of these letters should be from an appropriate high school teacher or administrator.

Transcripts

Submit one copy of your high school academic transcripts. [An unofficial copy is allowed.]

Submission Instructions

If you are under the age of 18 on the date of your submission, please include a letter of support/permission from your parent or legal guardian. This does not count as one of the two letters of recommendation.

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 along with your name and “*USGIF Scholarship: High School Senior Application*” 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.