



**United States Geospatial Intelligence Foundation
2018 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 February 26, 2018.**

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)

YES NO *USGIF can share information from this application with USGIF member organizations offering internship and employment opportunities.*

Applicant Contact Information

Surname _____ First & Middle Names _____

High School _____ GPA _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP Code _____

Projected College/University _____

Planned Major _____

Financial Office Address/Phone _____

Permanent Home Address _____ Country _____

Street _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP Code _____

Phone _____ Email _____

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

No US citizen restrictions. Open to all US citizens, permanent residents, and foreign nationals.

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 additional essay requirement provides opportunity to demonstrate applicant's comprehension of geospatial issues and how undergraduate studies (especially any class projects and/or independent studies) can prepare applicant to tackle those issues after graduation. Applicants 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 with) GISc tools will be considered in context of larger geospatial intelligence challenges/objectives. Originality is important for essay 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 applications 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.

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

Geospatial Intelligence (GEOINT) produces actionable information derived from the analysis of remotely sensed imagery and other forms of geospatial data to describe, assess, and visually depict physical features and human activity anywhere on Earth. GEOINT is a multidisciplinary approach to problem-solving of real world human security challenges using geospatial science, data, and technology.

Given this context, complete a 3-5 page essay addressing the following questions:

- In what ways have you observed the use of geospatial science and technology for real world problem solving?
- Describe local or regional challenges that can be addressed by the use of geospatial intelligence.
- What new developments are enhancing the effectiveness of geospatial intelligence for real world problem solving?

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

A letter of support/permission from parent or legal guardian must be included, for those under the age of 18 at date of application submission. This does not count as one of the two letters of recommendation.

Please email the completed application and **all** supporting materials to scholarships@usgif.org (include *your name* and “*USGIF Scholarship: High School Senior Application*” in the subject line). You may alternatively mail paper copies of your application packet to the following address:

United States Geospatial Intelligence Foundation

ATTN: Scholarship Committee
2325 Dulles Corner Blvd., Suite 450
Herndon, VA 20171

Before sending your application, double-check your packet to assure submission of the fully completed application form and all supporting documentation. **Applications without all requested materials will not be considered.**

The deadline for submissions is February 26, 2018. 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.

Students must be enrolled during 2018-19 Academic Year to receive funding. USGIF reserves the right to withdraw scholarship award for any reason prior to disbursement.