The USGIF Scholarship Program

In an effort to help further the advancement of the tradecraft, USGIF is dedicated to assisting promising students interested in the geospatial intelligence sciences with scholarship awards. The Foundation annually awards scholarships to promising **high school seniors, undergraduate, and graduate students** who are studying or planning to study geospatial intelligence related fields at the university- or college-level.

All scholarship recipients are chosen based on their academic and professional excellence in a field related to the geospatial intelligence tradecraft. Qualified candidates are selected by the Foundation's Scholarship Subcommittee made up of industry professionals. The USGIF Scholarship Subcommittee annually awards $50,000 to exceptional students.

Scholarships are funded in part by proceeds from the Allder Golf Classic, named in honor of the late William R. Allder Jr. Last year, the Allder Golf Classic raised almost $19,000 for scholarships. This year, the tournament will be held at the Quarry Golf Club on Sunday, Oct. 21.

USGIF hopes to inspire students who are interested in GEOINT to invest their futures in this incredibly exciting and relevant field of study.

This year, the Foundation awarded more than $50,000 to 12 recipients: two Ph.D. candidates, four master's candidates, four undergraduates, and two high school seniors. High school winners received $2,000 scholarships and all other winners received $5,000 scholarships.

To apply for a scholarship, visit www.USGIF.org

Scholarship Recipients

Mr. Greg Babonis
Mr. Babonis is pursuing a master's of science degree in the field of geology at the State University of New York at Buffalo. Babonis' plans include completing his Ph.D. and he anticipates applying his work in laser remote sensing for the U.S. government.

Mr. Brandon Barbour
Mr. Barbour is a two time USGIF Scholarship Winner and is currently pursuing his bachelor's degree in geography, geospatial intelligence, with an Asian Studies minor at Brigham Young University. Barbour would like to foster a career for the U.S. government in the area of imagery analysis or human intelligence.

Mr. Drew Flater
Mr. Flater is currently pursuing his master's degree in geographic information science from the University of Akron. Flater looks to a future career within the geospatial intelligence field and being part of our country's next-generation technical solutions.

Mr. Dwight Lanier
Mr. Lanier is pursuing his bachelor's of science in geography with a minor in Arabic from the University of Georgia. Lanier has served in Afghanistan and Iraq as a Geospatial Intelligence Analyst with the U.S. Marine Corps. He expects to continue his support to our national defense by using his degree and experience to tackle the knowledge and implementation of new geospatial technological measures.

Mr. Chris Lippitt
Mr. Lippitt is currently pursuing his Ph.D. in geographic information science at the University of California Santa Barbara. His post-dissertation plans include development of real-time geospatial data collection and integration technologies either in the public or private sector.

Mr. Justin March
Mr. March, after a five year stint in the U.S. Navy, is currently pursuing his bachelor's degree in geography from the University of Wisconsin-River Falls. Post-graduation, March looks to continue his service to our nation's defense in the geospatial intelligence tradecraft.

Mr. William Powell
Mr. Powell is pursuing a master's degree (his second), in urban and environmental planning from the Texas State University—San Marcos. Powell has recently returned from a tour of duty in Iraq as a member of the U.S Army 82nd Airborne Division. He hopes to obtain a military commission and to continue his career within the geospatial intelligence field.

Mr. James Sanovia
Mr. Sanovia is pursuing his bachelor's of science degree in geological engineering from the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology. Sanovia's career goal is to begin his own engineering and visualization/mapping company and to assist local and national scientific communities.

Mr. Brian Tomaszewski
Mr. Tomaszewski is currently pursuing his Ph.D. in geography and cartography from Penn State University. His post-dissertation plans are to be involved in developing new geospatial theories and technologies. Tomaszewski will also look to continue teaching the skill craft to others.

Ms. Monica Van Pelt
Ms. Van Pelt is currently pursuing her master's degree in geospatial information science from Northwest Missouri State University. Van Pelt has been involved in the NGA Student Co-op program and has served as an NGA intern. She anticipates a dedicated career in national intelligence.

Mr. Gavin Wandrey
Mr. Wandrey recently graduated from Kenston High School in Chagrin Falls, Ohio, and is currently pursuing a bachelor's degree at Grove City College in Pennsylvania. Wandrey is a member of the U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps and his myriad activities include participation in the Ground Airman School at Patuxent River, Md., where he was first introduced to GIS and geospatial studies.

Mr. Nicholas Taylor Youngstrom
Mr. Youngstrom recently graduated from Brentwood High School in Brentwood, Mo., and is currently pursuing his bachelor's degree in geospatial sciences at Missouri State University. Youngstrom participated in many challenging arenas during his high school years, including student council, German club, as well as being a multi-year winner of the District Geography Bee and a member of the National Honor Society.