



THE NEBRASKANS OF WORLD WAR II SCHOLARSHIP AND PEARL HARBOR REMEMBRANCE AWARD

THE SCHOLARSHIPS

In 2026, the Nebraskans of World War II Scholarship Fund will award up to four (4) \$1,700 scholarships and up to two (2) \$600 Pearl Harbor Remembrance Awards to outstanding seniors from the communities listed below. The scholarship recipients will be announced in April 2026.

Students must complete the application form and provide the supporting materials to the Scholarship committee no later than Saturday, February 28, 2026. Application forms are available at the school counselor's office or, in the case of the Lincoln Public Schools and Omaha Public

Schools, via their scholarship portals. Applicants who do not receive the Nebraskans of World War II Scholarship will be considered for the Pearl Harbor Remembrance Award.

Family members, staff, and/or trustees of Nebraska State Historical Society Foundation and Nebraska State Historical Society are not eligible to receive scholarships.

Seniors applying must be from the school districts which encompass the hometowns of the memorialized sailors.

The hometowns are:

Alda	Nelson
Broken Bow	Newark (Minden)
Brule	North Bend
Central City	Omaha
Cozad	Palisade
Gothenburg	Potter
Kearney	Ravenna
Lincoln	
Madison	
Mitchell	

THE NEBRASKANS OF WORLD WAR II SCHOLARSHIP



Marine Corps War Memorial—Washington, D.C.

The Nebraskans of World War II Scholarship Fund was created to memorialize the brave men and women who served their country fighting for the freedoms of millions of people.

Two Lincoln, Nebraska, servicemen in particular, have been memorialized by their families through these scholarships: Edward J. Clough and Adrian B. DePutron.

GM1C Edward Clough was killed during the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941 and remains entombed aboard the U.S.S. Arizona. His sister, Helen, chose to honor his memory through a gift that would help establish the Nebraskans of World War II Scholarship Fund.

Lt. Adrian DePutron was killed during the Battle of the Bulge on January 20, 1945, while serving with General Patton's Third Army. The Lieutenant's aunt, Marjorie Barstow, through her estate, honored her nephew's service with a gift to help enhance the scholarship program.

The Nebraskans of World War II Scholarship Fund provides up to four (4) \$1,700 scholarships to high school seniors from the school districts which encompass the communities that were hometowns of the entombed Nebraska sailors.

This scholarship is specifically designated for expenses and will be paid directly to the educational institution.

THE PEARL HARBOR REMEMBRANCE AWARD

The Pearl Harbor Remembrance Award Fund was created by Colonel Barney Oldfield, a Tecumseh, Nebraska native, and his wife Vada to honor the 22 Nebraskans who were killed during the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor and remain entombed in the U.S.S. Arizona.

"Vada and I wanted to do something to honor those Nebraskans who lost their lives in Pearl

Harbor. We wanted to do more than lay a wreath or say a prayer. Those who lost their lives and those who knew them deserve more than dismissal as statistics and the anonymity given them by distance of both mileage and time. It was for that reason we established the Pearl Harbor Remembrance fund which links the names of those 22 men to awards for all of time to come."

— Colonel Oldfield

The Pearl Harbor Remembrance fund provides up to two (2) \$600 awards to high school seniors who applied for, but did not receive, the Nebraskans of World War II Scholarship.

The award may be used at the winner's discretion.

IN MEMORY

This memorial is built on top of the U.S.S. Arizona battleship that still remains on the bottom of the harbor. Of the 1,777 men killed on board, 1,102 men are still buried within the battleship today. This battleship became the final resting place to these men. The 22 Nebraska soldiers entombed with the U.S.S. Arizona are listed below.



Pearl Harbor—U.S.S. Arizona Memorial

HA1c Gerald Arthur Atkins Gothenburg	Cox Robert R. Clayton Central City	F1c James Thomas Hasl Omaha	Ens Frank Stuart Lomax Broken Bow	MM1c Elmer Pershing Schlund St. Michael
F1c Kenneth Robert Bickel Potter	GM1c Edward Jay Clough Lincoln	HA1c Lester John Hoelscher Madison	S2c Max Valdyne Peery Nelson	SC3 Elmer Elias Yates Palisade
CMM Harry L. Browne Ravenna	Ptr1c William Eernisse North Bend	Y3c Warren Allen Jones Kearney	Mus2c Neal Jason Radford Newark (Minden)	Scholarships Administered by Nebraska State Historical Society Foundation 402-435-3535 / www.nshsf.org
S1c Naamen N. Chapman Mitchell	S1c Richard Everett Ellis Omaha	Capt. Thomas Leroy Kirkpatrick Cozad	S1c Gerald Harold Riggins Brule	
F1c Loyd Raymond Christensen Alda	Cox Peter John Harris Lincoln	SC3c Stanley Kula Omaha	RM2c Tom Savin Omaha	

All students can create a profile at www.educationquest.org to gain access to this scholarship opportunity. Omaha Public School and Lincoln Public School students can apply through their scholarship portals.

You can also see your Guidance Counselor for application materials.