



Nebraskans of World War II Scholarship Application Form 2025-2026

This form should be completed and electronically submitted by the applicant to: Sue Quambusch, Director of Special Projects, at squambusch@nshsf.org. **Applications, including all supporting materials, must be received no later than Friday, February 28, 2026.** Late nominations will not be considered. Winners will be notified of their selection in April, 2026.

Name _____ Telephone _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

E-mail _____

Name of Parent(s)/Guardian(s) _____

High School _____ City/Town _____

Name of institution you plan to attend in 2026-27 _____

Criteria: To be considered for the scholarships, students must:

- Live in the school districts which encompass the communities that were hometowns of the entombed Nebraska sailors. These communities are Alda, Broken Bow, Brule, Central City, Cozad, Gothenburg, Kearney, Lincoln, Madison, Mitchell, Nelson, Newark (Minden), North Bend, Omaha, Palisade, Potter and Ravenna.
- Be of senior status and in good standing. **There is no GPA requirement.**
- Plan to attend, as a full-time student, an accredited four-year college/university, an accredited post-secondary institution or an accredited post-secondary training institution.

Applicant
Signature _____ Date _____

School Administrator/
Counselor Signature _____ Date _____

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Drawing of Chimney Rock, 1851, William M. Quesenbury

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Required Supporting Materials (Read carefully):

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Cover letter (1 page maximum, single spaced and 12-point Times New Roman type), addressed to the Scholarship Committee. Please tell us about yourself, your goals, and your plans to further your education. If you do not know how to write a cover letter, please research examples online.

Original essay (two full pages, double spaced, 12-point Times New Roman type) AI Generated essays will be rejected. Essay topics could include:

- What does it mean to you that one of the sailors came from your town or geographic area?
- Choose a Nebraska sailor using the books by author T. J. Cooper - ***USS Utah*** or ***USS Arizona***, that you can find in your school library, and research their lives.
- What impact did the war effort have on your town? Interview an elder in your town.
- Please research the sailor in your area whose sacrifice made it possible for you to apply for this scholarship. How did WWII impact your community? If a similar situation were to occur today, what do you think the response would be?

Current grade transcript

Current resume that details your community and school activities, honors and awards

Reference letter from one of your teachers and a second letter from someone other than a relative