



Special Operations Fund
2021 Lieutenant General Brent Scowcroft Scholarship

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Lieutenant General Brent Scowcroft (1925-2020) was an American patriot and public servant of the highest order with an extraordinary military and government service career spanning over 60 years. His entire professional life was devoted to how best to protect America and advance its interests. He mentored two generations of American public servants who revered him for his brilliance, integrity, humility, and fundamental decency. He served the United States with great honor, distinction, and is considered one of the most influential experts in international affairs. General Scowcroft served as the National Security Advisor to Presidents Gerald Ford and George H.W. Bush and was an advisor to Presidents Richard Nixon through Barack Obama.

General Scowcroft recognized the role US power and leadership could play in making the world a safer and more prosperous place. General Scowcroft held the belief that although military force is an important tool of statecraft, it is not a substitute for policy and diplomacy. His thinking, which placed a premium on strategy, was guided by key principles, including the importance of history in shaping international affairs, the necessity of strong US international leadership to ensure that a world of national disorder does not become chaos, the importance of gaining domestic and international support for US leadership, and the utility of working through allies, coalitions, and international institutions.

He graduated from West Point in 1947, received his master's degree in 1953, and a doctorate in 1967 in International Relations from Columbia University.

In 1994, General Scowcroft founded The Scowcroft Group, an international advisory firm in Washington, D.C.

He was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom President George H.W. Bush, and in 1993 was awarded a Knight Commander of the Order of the British Empire (KBE) by Queen Elizabeth II. In 2009, he was presented the Grand Cross of the Order of Merit of the Federal Republic of Germany, and in 2015 the Grand Cordon of the Order of the Rising Sun.



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SCOWCROFT SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES

The Special Operations Fund (SOFund) will select a Scowcroft Scholar annually. The Scholar will receive a \$10,000 scholarship each year for four years. This scholarship will be awarded to a graduating high school senior entering their first year of college.

Eligible applicants for the Scowcroft Scholarship must be children of current and veteran Joint Special Operations warriors. The Night Stalker Foundation (NSF) will assist the SOFund with announcing this program, tracking and identifying qualified applicants.

Reflecting General Scowcroft's intelligence, character, service, and leadership the recipient chosen each year will demonstrate exemplary secondary school credentials, not just academically, but also in extracurricular and personal activities. A candidate, at a minimum, must have SAT Composite Score of 1240 or higher or ACT Composite Score of 27 or higher, and have a minimum cumulative 3.5 GPA. The candidate is expected to have held positions of major responsibility and leadership in extracurricular activities, sports, service organizations, and/or employment. Two letters of recommendation and a 500-word essay on the subject under Section 4 of the application form are required.

Each applicant will be responsible for submitting the following documentation to the NSF: a copy of their SAT or ACT score report; most recent transcript showing cumulative grade point average, including the GPA rating scale used by the applicant's school; a list of extracurricular activities, including leadership positions held; a compilation of work or community service activities; two letters of recommendation; and the 500-word essay. The NSF will review and email the applications and required supporting documentation of their top three qualified students to the SOFund's Programs Director.

The Scowcroft Scholarship will continue for four years as long as the recipient maintains a minimum 3.0 GPA and makes satisfactory progress towards meeting graduation requirements. The Scowcroft Scholarship award can be revoked at any time if a scholar fails to advance academically, or their personal conduct reflects negatively upon their undergraduate institution, the SOFund, and/or the NSF.

The Scowcroft Scholarship will be disbursed by the SOFund to the appropriate college or university after appropriate documentation of authorized educational costs.

Applications with all attachments must be emailed to NSF.Scholarship160@gmail.com no later than 14 April 2021.

All documents must be in PDF format