Roughrider Society Scholarship

The North Dakota National Guard Enlisted Association and National Guard Association of North Dakota have established a Roughrider Society Scholarship Program. The following persons are eligible:

1. **Sons and daughters of Active and Life NDNGEA and NGAND members.**

2. **Spouses of Active and Life NDNGEA and NGAND members.**

3. **Sons, daughters, and spouses of deceased NDNGEA and NGAND members who were in good standing at the time of their death.**

Important Change: Cash scholarships will be awarded directly to the winners in amounts from $500 to $2500 available for the 2026/27 academic year. Applicants must be enrolled as students at a graduate school, college, university, trade or business school. Enrollment will be verified prior to the disbursement of funds.

There will be no consideration given whatsoever because of friendship, rank or grade of applicant, applicant's parents or applicant's spouse. Neither shall the applicant's geographical place of residence be considered. Awards will be made on the basis of merit from an essay.

All applicants will complete a one-page essay, single-spaced, Times New Roman, 12 font, with one-inch margins on the following topic:

The military community is built on service and teamwork. Describe a time you served others and what impact it made.

All submissions will be run through an AI tool. The deadline date for all applications for scholarships will be observed in all instances.

Former recipients of a Roughrider Society Scholarship Award are not eligible to reapply. Anyone who previously applied and was not selected may reapply. Current members of the NDNG are not eligible.

If the recipient does not complete the school term for which the scholarship is awarded, due to any cause other than sickness or physical injury, the recipient will refund the award to the Roughrider Society within sixty (60) days from the date of disenrollment.

Scholarship applications may be sent electronically to the Executive Director at: **ngandexecutivedirector@gmail.com**. Each application will be reviewed for completeness and forwarded to the Roughrider Society Scholarship Committee.

Roughrider Society Scholarship Application

Name: Last **First** **Middle**

Home Address:

City **State** **Zip Code**

Telephone: **Email Address:**

Sponsor Member Rank and Name:

Member of which Association: **NDNGEA** ☐ **NGAND** ☐

Type of Membership: **ACTIVE** ☐ **LIFE** ☐

ETS or MRD of Sponsor Member:

Current status of applicant: (Check one): High School ☐ **College** ☐

Name and address of college, university, trade or business school (please also include student identification number):

I have answered the above questions to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Applicant Acknowledgment
(Signed or Typed)

Sponsor Member Acknowledgment
(Signed or Typed)

If granted a scholarship and I fail to complete the school term for reason other than sickness or physical injury, I agree to return any/all scholarship monies received by me to the Roughrider Society.

This scholarship may be tax-free if used to pay for tuition and fees required for enrollment or attendance at the educational institution, or for fees, books, supplies, and equipment required for courses at the educational institution. If used for unqualified expenses, I will report it as gross income and pay applicable federal taxes (details are on the IRS website).

I further state that I consent to providing the information requested in this application. I have provided this information freely and voluntarily and hereby waive any objections to providing this information, which might be pursuant to the Privacy Act, 5 U.S.C. Section 552a. The North Dakota National Guard Enlisted Association and National Guard Association of North Dakota has my permission to use the information given in considering and processing this application.

Roughrider Association

Applicant Acknowledgment
(Signed or Typed)

Date

All applications must contain the following:

1. **This application form**
2. **The one page, single-spaced essay including the applicant's initials in the top margin**

COMPLETE AND SEND TO:

Email: ngandexecutivedirector@gmail.com

Deadline: 31 January 2026

Answer the following question in a separate Word document and include your initials in the top margin:

The military community is built on service and teamwork. Describe a time you served others and what impact it made.

Scoring Rubric

For those sections with 0-5 ratings, please use the following as a guide when evaluating the applications.

• 5–Outstanding: Response exemplifies **superior/exceptional** characteristics relative to the item.
• 4–Excellent: Response demonstrates **very strong**, but not exceptional, characteristics relative to the item. The reviewer may have a reservation, but there are redeeming features to compensate for or outweigh the reservation.
• 3–Strong: Response demonstrates **strong** characteristics relative to this item, but the reviewer may have reservations.
• 2–Adequate: Response demonstrates **satisfactory** response to this item, but the reviewer may have major reservations.
• 1–below adequate: Response demonstrates a **superficial effort** and lacks needed details.
• 0–Very Weak–Response to this item is either **missing** completely or demonstrates **almost no thought**.

	0	1	2	3	4	5	Score
Quality and Clarity of Thought							
Response to Topic							
Organization							
Grammar and Punctuation							

Total _____