

LARRY L. BENSON SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The Larry L. Benson Scholarship Program recognizes: (1) the children and grandchildren of current National Air and Space Intelligence Center (NASIC) employees (active-duty military, civilian employees, and children of contractors*), and (2) children and grandchildren of former employees (Alumni) of NASIC or predecessor organizations.

Applicants must be high school seniors who plan to attend college or college students in an undergraduate program. The scholarship provides a one-time monetary award to the individual(s) who is (are) judged to have demonstrated superior personal and academic qualities.

Certain eligibility limitations are described in the attachments to this package.

An impartial board comprised of NASIC Association members will evaluate each application. Applicants are evaluated solely based on personal and academic qualities as indicated by scholastic performance, participation and leadership in extracurricular activities, recommendations by teachers (professors) or community leaders, and applicant's interests and long-range goals statement. Please follow the instructions and submit the package by the deadline given.

Keep in mind that the review committee will be evaluating applicants based on their application package; therefore, overall scholarship application's appearance and completeness (substance and form) are likely to affect the final rating. For further information, please contact Ms. Aurea L. Rivera at 937-825-4138 or alriveraoh@gmail.com

AUREA L. RIVERA, PE, PMP, PMI-ACP, Chair,
Larry L. Benson Scholarship Committee

Attachments:

- 1. Award Description**
- 2. Application Instructions**
- 3. Data, Activities, and Interest Sheet**
- 4. Conditions of Scholarship Agreement**
- 5. Recommendation Form**
- 6. Privacy Release Statement**

LARRY L. BENSON SCHOLARSHIP AWARD DESCRIPTION

AWARD

In 2022 the NASIC Association awarded \$30,000 scholarships to 32 students from over **\$37,000** raised by NASIC Association for the scholarships. In the past several years we have steadily raised our scholarship awards thanks to the generous contributions and support of our NASIC Association members, sponsors and NASIC workforce.

We awarded a top scholarship of (one) \$3,000, (two) \$2,000, (four) \$1,500, (nine) \$1,000 and (sixteen) \$500 to 32 applicants. The candidate field was highly competitive, where many of the students had a 4.0 GPA as well as outstanding academic and social qualifications that made the selection extremely difficult.

DEADLINE

The complete application package must be postmarked by **Friday, 10 March 2023**. Applications will not be evaluated before this date. The NASIC Association and the Scholarship Committee are not responsible for late, lost, damaged or misdirected scholarship packages. Please provide a POC's email with your scholarship application; we will acknowledge application receipt via the POC's email.

ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible to apply for the scholarship award, the applicant must:

1. Be a child or grandchild of a current NASIC employee, military, civilian or child of a contractor; or a child or grandchild of a former NASIC or predecessor organizations. Contractor as defined in the NASIC Association By-Laws as currently employed at NASIC, who hold a current access badge and who have been under contract at NASIC for two or more years.
2. Attend a public, preparatory, or parochial high school and graduate between **December 2021 and June 2022** or have graduated from high school prior to December 2021 and currently attend a two- or four-year college or university in pursuit of an undergraduate degree.
3. If a high school senior, have already applied for acceptance to a two- or four-year college or university in pursuit of an undergraduate degree.
4. Not plan to attend a service academy, receive a ROTC scholarship, or receive any full four-year scholarship that includes tuition, books, and room and board. If acceptance of any of the above is pending, the individual may still apply for this scholarship, but must decline the award when accepted to a service academy or full scholarship program at a later date.
5. Not have been awarded the A. Francis Arcier scholarship or Larry Benson scholarship previously.

SELECTION CRITERIA

1. Superior scholastic achievement, as evidenced by:
 - a. Official high school transcript (including class ranking).
 - b. Official college entrance examination scores.
 - c. Official college transcript, if already attending college.
 - d. List of academic awards received, if any.

2. Involvement in extracurricular activities including:
 - a. Participation and leadership in school-sponsored activities.
 - b. Participation and leadership in community activities.
 - c. Any other activities or interests that show qualities relevant to the pursuit of higher education (i.e., work, hobbies).
3. Other personal qualities and achievements relevant to the pursuit of higher education, as evidenced by:
 - a. Letter(s) of Appreciation.
 - b. Applicant's statement of interests or goals.
 - c. Any other honors received, if any.

Attachment 1 (page 2 of 2)

PRIVACY RELEASE STATEMENT

The applicant must sign a statement granting the NASIC Association the right to release her or his name, school attended and accomplishments for the explicit purpose of announcing scholarship winners in local newspapers, NASIC Association newsletters, and NASIC Association web site.

PHOTO

Scholarship winners will be required to submit a digital photo (preferably senior picture) for use in newsletter submissions.

DISBURSEMENT OF AWARD

The monetary scholarship will be presented to the winner(s) when proof of enrollment has been established. The scholarship may be used to cover tuition, room, and board, and/or books.

If for any reason the awardee is unable to attend college, or is accepted to a service academy, or is awarded a full, four-year scholarship, the applicant must immediately notify the NASIC Association at the address given below, so that an alternate winner may be selected.

LARRY L. BENSON SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE
ATTN: Aurea L. Rivera
P.O. Box 24178
Dayton, OH 45424-4850
Email: alriveraoh@gmail.com
Phone: 937-825-4138

LARRY L. BENSON SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

To apply for the scholarship award, the applicant must submit a package containing the following:

1. Completed Data, Activities, and Interests Sheet (Attachment 3).
2. Endorsed Conditions of Scholarship Agreement (Attachment 4).
3. One, single-page letter of recommendation from a principal, professor/teacher, counselor, or community leader who has direct involvement with at least one of the student's classes or activities (Attachment 5). **You may submit additional letters if desired.**
4. Privacy Release Statement (Attachment 6).
5. An official high school transcript (even if attending two- or four-year college or university) that includes class ranking, college entrance examination scores, and a description of the school's grading and honors course system (i.e., 4- or 5-point scale, Advanced Placement versus basic courses). If the school cannot release a sealed transcript to the student, the applicant must arrange for the transcript to be sent directly to the Larry L. Benson Scholarship Committee (address below) postmarked no later than **Friday, 10 March 2023**.
6. An official college transcript if applicant is a college or university student in an undergraduate program.
7. Digital photo (preferably senior picture) provided to alriveraoh@gmail.com

Application package should be mailed in a 9"x 12" envelope, postmarked no later than **Friday, 10 March 2023**, to:

**LARRY L. BENSON SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE
ATTN: Aurea Rivera
P.O. Box 24178
Dayton, OH 45424-4850**

**LARRY L. BENSON SCHOLARSHIP
Data, Activities, and Interest Sheet**

PLEASE TYPE ENTRIES 1 - 10

1. Name:
2. Mailing Address:
3. Phone: (Home) _____ (Cell) _____
4. Email address:
5. Name and relation of NASIC sponsor (e.g., parent, guardian, Alumni member):
6. Phone number of NASIC sponsor
7. Email address of NASIC sponsor:
8. Name of High School:
9. High School Graduation Date:
10. Name and address of school you plan to attend or to which you have applied or are now attending:

PLEASE TYPE ENTRIES 11 – 15 ON SEPARATE PAPER

11. List academic awards received, if any, over the last four years.
12. List school-sponsored extracurricular activities including positions held and honors received.
13. List community activities including positions held and honors received.
14. Describe any other activities or interests that you think are relevant to your success with Higher education (e.g., work, experience, hobbies, etc.).
15. In 200 words or less, describe your personal long-range goals and career goals.

LARRY L. BENSON SCHOLARSHIP Conditions of Scholarship Agreement

Please complete the following:

I, _____, have read the Larry L. Benson Scholarship Description (Attachment 1) and understand that:

1. This scholarship is awarded based on demonstrated personal and academic achievement.
2. I understand that I am not eligible to receive the award if I am appointed to a service academy, receive a ROTC scholarship, or receive a full, four-year scholarship which includes books and college room and board. I am also not eligible if I had received the A. Francis Arcier scholarship.
3. If I am selected as the winner, the scholarship money will be sent to me with a letter stating that use of the money is limited to payment of tuition, college room and board, and/or books.
4. I will notify the NASIC Association immediately if I am unable to attend school, or if I accept an appointment to a service academy prior to enrolling in college, or if I receive a full, four-year scholarship, in order that an alternate may receive the Larry L. Benson Scholarship award.
5. If for any reason I decide to transfer or discontinue attendance at the college indicated in my scholarship application, it is my responsibility to notify the NASIC Association so that any remaining scholarship money can be properly handled. Instructions on how to handle the award money, given this occurrence, will be mailed along with the award check. Remaining money may be returned to the NASIC Association or transferred if enrollment at the new school is established. In any case, I understand that scholarship money will be provided directly to me.

Applicant's signature: _____

Sponsor's Signature _____

Sponsor's Printed Name: _____

Date: _____

This information falls under the Privacy Act of 1974. The information contained on this page is for the express purpose of validating scholarship eligibility. It is not to be released to the public.

**LARRY L. BENSON SCHOLARSHIP
Recommendation Form**

Recommendation for: _____
NAME OF APPLICANT

Requirement: This form (or facsimile) is to be completed by a professor, teacher, principal, counselor, or community leader closely involved with at least one of the applicant's classes or activities. Limit length to the space provided below or one page.

Signature _____

Printed Name: _____

Position/Association with Applicant: _____

Date _____

PRIVACY RELEASE STATEMENT

This form or facsimile must be used:

I, _____, grant the NASIC Association the right to release my name, school attended, and accomplishments for the explicit purpose of announcing scholarship winners in local newspapers, NASIC Association newsletters, and NASIC Association web site.

Signature: _____

Signature of Parent or Guardian if under 18 years of age:

Date: _____