



Special Operations Fund  
2024 Lieutenant General Brent Scowcroft Scholarship

**IN MEMORY OF**

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 was 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 received the Grand Cordon of the Order of the Rising Sun by the Government of Japan.



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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 or veteran Joint Special Operations warriors supported by the following local scholarship organizations: The Association (USAF), Navy Tactical Research Command Scholarship, Night Stalker Foundation (NSF), Rangers Scholarship Fund (RSF), Unit Scholarship Fund (USF), and Vigilant Torch Foundation (VTF). Local scholarship organizations announce the program to the families, identify and verify qualified applicants, and submit their top three to the SOFund.

A candidate must 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 a pre-selected topic are required.

The Additional Information category provides an opportunity to tell the SOFund anything you want them to know about you in order to better evaluate your application, i.e., why you might not be involved in school activities, clubs, sports, work, or are unable to volunteer, etc.

The initial Scowcroft Scholarship payment will be disbursed by the SOFund to the college or university after appropriate documentation of authorized educational costs. The scholarship will continue for the next three years upon submission of a copy of the official transcript showing a minimum 3.0 GPA. The Scowcroft Scholarship award can be revoked at any time if the recipient fails to advance academically.

The completed application is due to the Night Stalker Foundation (NSF) no later the 20 May 2024. Send completed application to [nsf.scholarship160@gmail.com](mailto:nsf.scholarship160@gmail.com)