



# Scholarship Application Form

Application Deadline - April 15, 2026

The James E. Reyher Legacy Scholarship celebrates James's memory by **supporting individuals who embody his values of perseverance, service, and integrity**. Through this scholarship, applicants are encouraged to honor his legacy by pursuing their goals and making a meaningful difference in their communities.

**To read more about James's Legacy, please click here: [James E. Reyher Legacy Biography](#)**

Please make sure to read and follow the instructions carefully prior to submitting your application. All winners will be notified by the beginning of May, 2026.

Up to \$2,000 will be awarded to eligible recipient(s), with the amount and number of scholarships determined by the number of applications received and eligibility criteria.

If you have any questions, please reach out to [info@nsf.org](mailto:info@nsf.org).

## Personal Information

### Full Name \*

First Name

Last Name

### Phone Number \*

### Email \*

Where the confirmation will be send to

### Home Address \*

Street Address

Street Address Line 2

City

State / Province

## Military Affiliation

### Select Your Eligibility Category (Check all that apply) \*

Active Duty Navy Diver, Navy EOD, or directly Supporting an ND/NEOD Command

Retired/Separated Navy Diver or Navy EOD

Direct Family Member of a Navy Diver or Navy EOD

Postal / Zip Code

Other

### Service Member's Full Name

### Rate/Rank

### Years of Service

### Connection to Navy EOD/Diver Community

### Supporting Command (if applicable)

## Residency/Ohio Connection

\*If applicable, proof of Ohio connection may be required for scholarship finalists

### Do you have a connection to Ohio?

Yes

No

### If yes, please explain your connection:

i.e. Current resident of Ohio, family lives in Ohio, born in Ohio, attended school in Ohio, etc.

## Education Information

### Status (check one)

- High School Student
- High School Graduate/In Workforce
- Undergraduate Student
- Graduate Student
- Trade/Technical School Student
- Other

### Current or Most Recent School/Institution

### Degree Program/Field of Study

Either decided or intended

### Current GPA (if applicable)

### Expected Graduation Date:

## Short Essay

In 200-300 words, please respond to ONE of the following prompts. Be sure to note which prompt you are answering.

1. Describe how your connection to the Navy EOD/Diver community has influenced your values, aspirations, or commitment to serving others.
2. Share how you would describe yourself to someone who doesn't know you, focusing on aspects of your character or experiences that aren't reflected in your transcript.

How do you define patriotism, and how has it influenced your life or the lives of those around you?  
4. What has been your greatest accomplishment so far, and why does it stand out as significant to you?

### Short Essay Response: \*

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## Essay

In 500 words or less, please respond to the following prompt:

After learning more about the legacy of James E. Reyher and the mission of this scholarship, why do you feel you are a strong candidate for the James E. Reyher Legacy Scholarship? ***You may choose to address one or more of the following points:***

- How your goals and values align with the mission of this scholarship to honor and support individuals dedicated to leadership, service, and perseverance in the face of challenges.
- How you would benefit from receiving a scholarship that aims to empower individuals who demonstrate resilience and commitment to making a difference.
- How you plan to use this opportunity to uphold and advance the legacy of James E. Reyher through your education, career, or community impact.
- How you have contributed to your community through leadership, service, or advocacy, particularly in ways that align with the values exemplified by James E. Reyher.

**Be sure to attach your essay below with your name. For example, the file name should look like Name\_Essay.**

## Activities and Community Involvement

**Please list your extracurricular activities, community service, or volunteer work below. Be sure to include specific roles or leadership positions where applicable. Additional documents may be attached below:**

## Financial Need

(Optional)

**Do you have financial need for this scholarship?**

Yes

No

**If yes, please provide a brief explanation:**

**Use this space to provide any additional information about yourself that you feel has not been fully captured in the application.**

OPTIONAL

## **Applicant Declaration**

I certify that the information provided in this application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand that incomplete applications may not be considered, and I agree to the scholarship guidelines set forth by the Navy Special Operations Foundation.

### **Date**

Month   Day   Year