



# NAVAL CAPTAIN BILL WILSON SCHOLARSHIP

## About the Scholarship

The Naval Association of Canada - Calgary Branch is pleased to announce the Naval Captain Bill Wilson Scholarship. The scholarship is designed to encourage academic study of matters relating to maritime security and defense. It will be presented to the winning recipient in the Spring of 2024.

The Naval Association of Canada - Calgary Branch will be offering a two thousand five-hundred-dollar (\$2,500) scholarship to an Alberta student who is applying to or is enrolled in a Masters or Doctorate program in History and/or Strategic studies for the academic year 2023-2024.

## Eligibility Criteria

Applicants must meet the following mandatory criteria:

1. Be enrolled at an accredited university or college, either full-time or part-time in the school year 2023-2024. The scholarship is for study at the Masters or Doctorate level.
2. Demonstrate an interest in pursuing a degree in either history or strategic studies.
3. Have a minimum grade point average of 3.0 GPA.
4. Be a citizen of Canada.

*Note: The scholarship is for study only at recognized institutions in Canada. For applicants who have completed a previous degree abroad, proof of acceptance or registration at a Canadian institution is required.*

## How to Apply for the Scholarship

1. Applicants must submit an original copy of the most recent transcript from the academic institution that they are attending.
2. Applicants must submit two letters of recommendation from individuals who are familiar with their accomplishments and career goals. At least one must be from a faculty member at their current college/university.
3. Applicants must provide proof of Canadian citizenship (in form of copy of birth certificate, citizenship card, or first page of passport).



4. The main element of the application is that applicants must write an essay on **one** of the following topics:
  - a. What do you think are the maritime security issues Canada faces now, and that may arise in the near future? Are there any defense and foreign policy initiatives that you believe the Canadian Government might consider in response to these issues?
  - b. Drawing on Canada’s naval history, outline an event and any subsequent lessons learned. The event can be a battle, a political issue, technology, communication etc.

The essay is to be **maximum 3,000 words** (excluding references). Use of citations is expected.

The paper and all supporting documents are to be sent to [scholarship@naccalgary.ca](mailto:scholarship@naccalgary.ca). The Organizer of the Scholarship will pass the applications to the Review Panel to be scrutinized for copyright & AI and then for judging. Submissions will be judged anonymously. The panel of judges will assess the submissions based on both the quality of the writing and the ideas presented in the paper.

Applications are to be received via email to [scholarship@naccalgary.ca](mailto:scholarship@naccalgary.ca) by **29 March 2024**.

### Award of the Scholarship

The president of the NAC Branch in Calgary will announce the winner on or before 1 June 2024. Captain Wilson will present the cheque to the winner in the month of June.

The winning submission will be considered for publication in Canadian Naval Review.

If you have any questions about the scholarship, please contact [scholarship@naccalgary.ca](mailto:scholarship@naccalgary.ca)