

NAIMES STUDENT SPOTLIGHT AWARD

(National Association of Institutions for Military Education Services)

Co-Sponsored by MBS Direct, LLC

Application Period: May 17 - September 1, 2010

Winner Announced: October 29, 2010

Purpose: To celebrate academic achievements of military students in the Armed Forces Voluntary Education programs. The Student Spotlight Award is an opportunity for students to demonstrate their academic achievement to the military and civilian educational community through an exploration of how the academic experience has influenced their military career.

As a means to demonstrate your academic achievement, the committee would like you to address, in any format you select (essay, prose, art*, video*, etc.) the following theme below. You may address the theme from a macro or micro perspective; the key is to identify what you consider your academic accomplishment(s) and then link the accomplishment(s) to your military career. Note: There is not a set minimum or maximum page length for an essay or other written submission.

*Must be able to submit electronically or on DVD.

Theme for the 2010 Student Spotlight Award: One of the benefits of being an active duty member is the ability to pursue your own higher education goals while serving your country full-time.

Please address how your goals for higher education enhance your service's mission in meeting its objectives.

Rubric for Evaluating Project Submissions

Exceeds - 2	Meets - 1	Doesn't Meet - 0
Submission is reflective of college level work as determined by a panel of judges. There is a logical progression of the theme in the overall presentation of the submission. The theme is clearly identifiable as well as the link to the applicant's military career. If appropriate, references are cited. No errors are evident.	Submission is reflective of college level work as determined by a panel of judges. Progression of the theme is not consistent throughout but can be extracted as one considers the overall presentation. The theme is identifiable and the link to the applicant's military career. If appropriate, references are cited. Some errors in the presentation.	Submission is not reflective of college level work as determined by a panel of judges. Is not presented in a manner that allows for the theme to emerge and does not link to the applicant's military career.

Why Participate: NAIMES celebrates student achievements across the Armed Forces and fosters scholarly communication between students, faculty, and the military communities we serve. Participation in the Student Spotlight Award provides students with opportunities to gain valuable experience in both oral and written presentations of their work.

Eligibility: Active duty personnel from all service branches, using federal tuition assistance funding through the Voluntary Education program, are invited to submit an application. ROTC students, military academy students and, those who are using special tuition assistance programs are not eligible to apply. Students must be current students seeking an undergraduate or graduate degree.

Deadline: The deadline to submit a project, including application and resume (use the attached form) is September 1, 2010. (The application form includes the space to attach a resume and a project. There should be one submission). Incomplete applications will not be considered.

The Student Spotlight Award winner will be notified no later than October 29, 2010. Applications can be accessed online at: <http://naimes.org/spotlight.asp>

Award: MBS Direct, LLC is a proud co-sponsor of this award program. A \$1,200 cash prize and commemorative plaque will be awarded to the top project in three categories: 1) Undergraduate student with less than 60 credits earned, 2) Undergraduate student with 60 or more credits and, 3) Graduate student. In addition, travel funds, not to exceed \$500, will be available to allow recipients to receive their award at the annual Council of College and Military Educators symposium. The 2011 CCME Symposium will be 14-17 February in Tampa, FL.

Validation of College Credits Earned: Applicants pursuing an undergraduate degree are required to validate the number of college credits earned at the time of application. (See attached resume form.)

Submission Process:

1. Application, resume, and project must be submitted online to:
<http://naimes.org/spotlight.asp>.
2. Applications must be posted online by September 1, 2010.

Notification of Recipients: The successful recipients will be notified no later than October 29, 2010.

For more information about the NAIMES Student Spotlight Award:

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NAIMES Preamble: National Association of Institutions for Military Education Services (NAIMES) is committed to promoting high quality, pedagogically sound educational opportunities for the military community. NAIMES endorses the ideals of voluntary education and in doing so represents a wide range of colleges and universities.

Scholarship Resume Form

Name
 Address
 Email address
 Phone number

Education

High School: (Name/location) _____

Home College/University: (Name/location, i.e. CTC, Ft. Wainwright, AK, or CTC Online) _____

- Major: _____
- I confirm that I have completed/earned college credit hours as follows:

Institution Name	College Credit *	CLEP/DSST Credit **	Military Experience Credit (unduplicated & Awarded by institution)	Credit from Prior Learning ***	Total Credits
Park University	12 cr hrs	6 cr hrs	8 cr hrs	6	32
Central Texas College	12 cr hrs		16 cr hrs		28
Total					60

* Count only those courses with a grade of C or higher

** Include Excelsior exams or other exams where your institution has accepted college credit

*** College credit for formal training outside the military such as police academy training

- Current gpa : _____

Work Experience

Dates of Employment

Name of Business

Job Title

Specific Duties:

Example

06/2003 to Present

The Eatery

Server

- Served meals to customers
- Bussed tables
- Seated customers

Accomplishments

Work or non-work related

Volunteer Experience

Dates of Experience

Organization

Type of Service

Examples

05/07 – 07/07

Little League

Assist. Coach

10/08 – Present

Red Cross of America

Board Member

Awards and Honors Received

Interests and Activities (This tells a little more about you.)