

# 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 defence. It will be presented for the first time in 2020.

The Naval Association of Canada - Calgary Branch will be offering a five thousand dollar (\$5,000) scholarship to a Canadian student who is applying to or is enrolled in a Masters program in military and strategic studies for the academic year 2020-2021.

## Eligibility Criteria

Applicants must meet the following mandatory criteria. Applicants must:

1. be enrolled at an accredited university or college, either full-time or part-time in the school year 2020-2021. Both undergraduate and graduate students are eligible, however the scholarship is for study at the Masters level, so undergraduates must be in the process of applying for a Masters degree.
2. demonstrate an interest in pursuing a degree related to Canadian defence or security;
3. have a minimum grade point average of 70%; and
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 students must write an essay on the following topic:**

**What do you think are the maritime security issues Canada faces now, and that may**

**arise in the near future? Are there any defence and foreign policy initiatives that you believe the Canadian government might consider in response to these issues?**

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

The paper is to be sent to Jeff Gilmour (at [jeffgilmour@telus.net](mailto:jeffgilmour@telus.net)), the Organizer of the Scholarship, who will pass the applications to the Review Panel 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 (at [jeffgilmour@telus.net](mailto:jeffgilmour@telus.net)) by 30 April 2020.**

### **Award of the Scholarship**

The president of the NAC Branch in Calgary will announce the winner on or before 1 June 2020. 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 Jeff Gilmour at [jeffgilmour@telus.net](mailto:jeffgilmour@telus.net).