



## Norfolk NATO Festival Student Diplomat Scholarship Supplemental AWARD

The Norfolk NATO Festival (formally Norfolk’s International Azalea Festival) is a non-profit organization founded in 1953, just one year after the establishment of NATO’s Allied Command Atlantic in Norfolk, Virginia. In that year, the citizens of Norfolk organized a salute to these allied forces in order to create new friendships, provide a basis for cultural exchange, pursue new lines of trade between Norfolk and the world, and to recognize NATO’s role in maintaining peace and stability in the world.

In 2007, the Festival launched its annual Student Diplomat Scholarship Award program for high school and freshman level college students interested in the advancement of international studies focused on NATO, its member nations, and its role in the world community.

**Scholarship Description:** This scholarship is designed to recognize the achievement of Student Diplomats that have demonstrated excellence in their execution of their assigned responsibilities. This scholarship is to be paid directly to the college or university of the winning students’ choice. Six scholarships will be awarded at 3 levels: one at \$1,500, three at \$1,000, and two at \$500. Scholarships are non-renewable.

**Eligibility:** The applicant must be a high school junior, senior, or freshman college student with intentions of continuing to college or university. Applicants must be U.S. citizens enrolled and in good standing as full-time students. Student must be enrolled at the college or university of his/her choice or be accepted for admission by or within 24 months from being awarded the scholarship. If a winner does not attend college or university within 24 months of award notification, student will forfeit the scholarship. The scholarship will be awarded to the designated alternate. Scholarship winners will be provided with a Scholarship Transmittal Form from the Norfolk NATO Festival. Once completed, the scholarship award will be processed directly to the students’ account at their enrolled college. The Festival prohibits discrimination based on race, color, sex, religion, national origin, age and disability.

**Criteria:** Diplomats will be evaluated on following weighted criteria for the scholarship awards:

Essay – Diplomat’s ability to follow formatting instructions	10%
Essay – Diplomat’s originality, organization of ideas and accuracy of facts	30%
Model NATO – Diplomat’s ability to represent their assigned nation’s interests	30%
Model NATO – Diplomat’s ability to work towards a consensus with all NATO member nations	30%

# Student Diplomat Requirements

## Essay

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### Formatting

- 600-750 words
- Double spaced
- Grammatically correct with references cited
- Indicate on the first page of the essay which Topic Option # you have chosen to write about
- DO NOT include your name or school on your essay; you will be assigned a number to use instead
- Essay should be focused, reflect critical thinking, and include details that support the topic

### Topic Options

- Option 1 Describe three examples of NATO peace-keeping efforts.
- Option 2 Describe three examples of NATO humanitarian efforts.
- Option 3 Explain the role NATO will have in the 21st century and how it is preparing for this role
- Option 4 What lessons have been learned from the successes and failures of NATO activities since its creation?
- Option 5 Considering the emergence of China as a world power, should an alliance like NATO be formed (that is, an Asian Alliance) for Japan, South Korea, Australia, India and the United States?
- Option 6 Explain the historical role played by NATO (along with the United States) as a peacekeeper for Western Europe; Make recommendations to change that role given 1) the end of the Cold War 2) non-western countries are joining NATO, and 3) the immense challenges to the Alliance brought about by the threat of terrorism.

## Model NATO Challenge

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Student Diplomats will each represent one of the 28 NATO member nation's interests in the Model NATO Challenge, a spirited debate modeled after real NATO problem solving techniques. Diplomats will be given a crisis situation in which all NATO member nations must reach a consensus on a course of action while still representing their nation's interests. Diplomats will need to prepare in advance of the exercise by:

- Engaging in independent study to understand the nation he/she has been selected to represent
- Contacting their mentor to discuss their assigned nation's interests via email or phone at least twice
- Completing the Model NATO Online Course modules

Diplomats will receive information regarding Model NATO Challenge requirements and will have the opportunity to meet their mentor at the Program Orientation to be held at Norview High School.

## Important Dates

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Friday, October 30, 2009	Application Deadline
Friday, November 20, 2009	Student Notification of Acceptance
*Thursday, January 7, 2010	Program Orientation – Norview High School (Please note that orientation date & location are subject to change)
*Tuesday, March 23, 2010, 8am-2pm	Model NATO Challenge – Old Dominion University
Friday, April 2, 2010	Scholarship Award Notification
April 28 – May 1, 2010	Norfolk NATO Festival Dates
*Friday, April 30, 2010	Presentation of Student Diplomats at the Virginia International Tattoo
*Saturday, May 1, 2010	Presentation of Student Diplomats at the Annual Parade of Nations

**\*Denotes required events to be attended by Student Diplomats - Details will be provided at the Program Orientation**

