**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 2014 Student Spotlight Award:** How has technology revolutionized higher education?

Please answer the question completely, with the final submission not to exceed four pages if typed in essay form. Other modes of submission (i.e. poetry, short story, video) should directly address the prompt and not exceed five minutes for video recordings and 15 pages for short stories.

**Rubric for Evaluating Project Submissions**

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<td>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.</td>
<td>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.</td>
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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, veterans, and active duty military spouses from all service branches are invited to submit an application. ROTC students and military academy students 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 30 September 2014. (The online 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 27 October 2014. Applications can be accessed online at: http://naimes.org/student-spotlight-award/

Award: MBS Direct, LLC is a proud co-sponsor of this award program. A $1,200 cash prize will be awarded to the top project in five categories: 1) Undergraduate student with less than 60 credits earned, 2) Undergraduate student with 60 or more credits, 3) Graduate student, 4) Veteran, and 5) active duty military spouse. 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 2015 CCME Symposium will be held in Anaheim, California in January 2015.

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/student-spotlight-award/
2. Applications must be posted online by 30 September 2014.

Notification of Recipients: The successful recipients will be notified no later than 27 October 2014.

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:

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<th>Institution Name</th>
<th>College Credit *</th>
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* 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.)