



Normandy Academy Scholarship 2026 at North Kansas City Schools in honor of Michele Evenson Lindsay

The **National World War II Museum's Normandy Academy** is a 12-day immersive summer learning and leadership experience in New Orleans, Louisiana, and Normandy, France. It challenges students to learn from the choices made before and during the historic D-Day landings. Through the generosity of **Oak Park alumnae, Linda Holwick Bond '76 and the late Michele Evenson Lindsay '76**, other dedicated donors, and the **Jedel Family Foundation**, two students from each high school within **North Kansas City Schools** will be selected to attend the **2026 Normandy Academy**. Selected students receive full scholarships to cover tuition, meals, flights, and travel expenses. Please note that the scholarship **does not** cover optional college credit offered through Nicholls State University. Students who wish to receive college credit must find alternative funding. For more information about the program, visit the [Normandy Academy's website](#).

Normandy Academy Dates: June 24 – July 5, 2026 or June 30 – July 12, 2026
(students may indicate their preferred trip dates on the application)

Application Deadline: 5 p.m. Friday, November 21, 2025

Application Criteria: Applicants must be current juniors at **North Kansas City, Oak Park, Staley, or Winnetonka High Schools** who have completed the district's U.S. History course as sophomores and are currently enrolled in the district's U.S. Government course.

Application Requirements: The **2026 Normandy Academy Scholarship Form** is offered online via Microsoft Forms using this link: <https://forms.office.com/r/a8t4Qs3qt5> and requires the following information:

- **NOTE:** Students **MUST** access the form from an NKC Schools device while logged in under their NKC Schools account.
- **Student and Parent/ Legal Guardian** Contact Information
- **Current High School Transcript**

- **Current High School Resume** (Include activities, honors, leadership positions, community service, work experiences, etc.)
- **Short Essay** (500 words or less) in response to the following question: How will participation in the **Normandy Academy** enrich your future educational experiences, both academically and from a leadership perspective?
- **Participation and Acknowledgment Form** signed by both you and your parent(s)/guardian(s).
- **Teacher Recommendation Form** that you provide to a teacher who can attest to your character and suitability for this program. Students should direct their teachers to the Microsoft Form here to complete their recommendation by the application deadline: <https://forms.office.com/r/1UX2apzkvm>.

Deadline: Students must submit the 2026 Normandy Academy application and all requirements listed above by 5 p.m. Friday, November 21, 2025. Teacher Recommendation Forms are due at the same time and must be submitted via Microsoft Forms here: <https://forms.office.com/r/1UX2apzkvm>.

Applicants may be invited to interview with the selection committee in early January. **Finalists at each high school will be notified of their selection by January 19, 2026.** Following their selection, the **Education Foundation** will assist students in submitting their information to the **Normandy Academy/World War II Museum**. Normandy Academy will work directly with students to arrange all travel and logistical details for the program.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Following their selection, students must affirm their commitment to the **Normandy Academy** program; pending emergencies, they are expected to remain committed and participate fully. Participants must already possess or immediately apply for a **U.S. passport**. Funds may be available to offset the cost of applying for a renewing a U.S. passport.

Follow Up: During the 2026-2027 school year, returned **Normandy Academy** participants may be asked to present their experiences to U.S. History or U.S. Government classes at their schools.

Questions? Contact the Education Foundation at (816) 321-5550 or foundation@nkcschools.org