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Dearborn Democratic Club Creates $1000 Scholarship to Honor U.S. Army Lt. Col. Alexander Vindman

The Dearborn Democratic Club has created a $1,000 scholarship to honor the moral leadership of U.S. Army Lieutenant Colonel Alexander Vindman. Vindman recently testified before Congress as part of impeachment proceedings investigating President Donald Trump’s demand that a foreign government investigate a political rival. Vindman, who is highly decorated veteran who served in Iraq and was injured by a roadside bomb, was removed from his White House post by President Trump as retribution for honoring a federal subpoena.

According to a recent article in the *The New York Times*, Vindman “recounted for House investigators how he was so alarmed by the President’s request to enlist Ukraine to smear his political rivals, and similar efforts by Mr. Trump’s allies, that he reported them to his superiors — twice.”¹

Vindman is an immigrant from Ukraine and Harvard graduate who has served in the U.S. military for two decades. He was the Director for European Affairs for the National Security Council. Vindman was recently quoted as saying, “I am a patriot, and it is my sacred duty and honor to advance and defend our country, irrespective of party or politics.”²

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² [https://apnews.com/2afe139235924fb4911d1686688fa684](https://apnews.com/2afe139235924fb4911d1686688fa684)
According to Sami Khaldi, president of the Dearborn Democratic Club, “It is appropriate to honor this patriot by helping to finance a student’s education.”

Scholarship applicants must be Dearborn residents and students attending college in the fall of 2020. Applicants should write a 1000-word essay on the need for public officeholders to demonstrate integrity. Applicants should send their essays to L. Glenn O’Kray, 752 Wagner Court, Dearborn 48124 by April 15 or send their essay by email to lglennokray@windstream.net