



COAST GUARD FOUNDATION

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Guide to Coast Guard Foundation Scholarships

General Information for All Scholarship Opportunities

The Coast Guard Foundation administers several scholarships for Coast Guard enlisted personnel and their dependents. Scholastic promise, motivation, moral character, leadership qualities and good citizenship are major considerations for the selection of awardees for all scholarships administered by the Coast Guard Foundation. Financial need may be taken into consideration when determining awards. Please see descriptions below for specific criteria for each award.

Scholarships for Enlisted Personnel

Enlisted Education Grant

Eligibility: This grant program is open to active duty enlisted personnel in pay grades E-3 to E-9 with two or more years of Coast Guard service. This grant may be used in conjunction with the Coast Guard Tuition Assistance Program (i.e. to pay the member's 25% of the course cost), or other non-funded relevant education items.

Award Range: Maximum payable is \$350 per member per year.

Application Process: Applicants should complete the "USCG Foundation Education Grant Application" Form, available through the Coast Guard Institute, Form 1560/10a. Applications may be submitted throughout the calendar year but no later than December 1. Mail completed form to: Commanding Officer (CGF), USCG Institute, 5900 SW 64th Street, Oklahoma City, OK 73169-6990.

Contact Information: For more information, please contact The Coast Guard Institute at (405) 954-7240 or www.uscg.mil/hq/cgi on the web.

Background on the Award: The Enlisted Education Grant program was established in 1999. The funds available through this program supplement Coast Guard Tuition Assistance to help Coast Guard enlisted personnel cover the cost of tuition, text books, lab fees and other expenses related to their professional development through higher education.

Keiser College Coast Guard Scholarship

Eligibility: Candidates for this scholarship must meet Keiser College admission criteria and Coast Guard eligibility requirements as follows: Verification of high school graduation or GED completion and an entrance exam (SAT or ACT, for example). Coast Guard requirements include: a minimum of four years in the Coast Guard, second tour of duty, demonstrated leadership skill, an essay and a recommendation from his or her Commanding Officer. On-going requirements must also be met to remain in good standing.

Award Range: Keiser College will award two full-tuition scholarships, valued at \$50,000 each. Award recipients will be responsible for the costs associated with education fees, books and supplies, when applicable. However, the one-time application and registration fees will be waived.

Application Process: Scholarship recipients have the option of attending any one of Keiser College's Florida campuses or earning their degree online through Keiser College's e-campus. Applications can be completed on line through the internet at www.keisercollege.edu no later than December 15. Click on the Coast Guard Scholarship link on the top right hand corner of the Keiser home page to complete the application. A minimum 300 word essay on leadership will accompany the application.

After the application is received, the candidate will be scheduled to take an entrance exam, if necessary. The Coast Guard, for award eligibility, will review candidates who first meet the Keiser College admissions requirements. Therefore, candidates must first go through the application process and be eligible for acceptance to Keiser College. Once approved by the Coast Guard, the candidate will be selected and notified of the award on January 15 for classes, which will begin on February 2. For complete details and instructions, visit the Keiser College website.

Contact Information: For information, please contact Dr. Ronnie Ellen Kramer via e-mail at rkramer@keisercollege.edu with “Coast Guard Scholarship” in the subject line or by phone at 866-534-7371 or visit the Keiser College website at www.keisercollege.edu.

Background on the Award: Keiser College is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools to award the Bachelor of Arts, the Bachelor of Science, the Associate of Arts, and the Associate of Science degree in several majors. The college offers quality career education with a hands-on orientation. This philosophy, combined with solid academics, provides Keiser College graduates with a competitive edge when entering the workforce. Keiser College’s unique class scheduling allows students to complete an Associate Degree in 18-24 months (depending on the program) and the Bachelor’s Degree in as little as 41 months. Students take one course at a time for four to five hours a day, which enhances opportunities for practical hands on learning and helps with retention of information. However, because the Coast Guard candidate can only earn the degree during off-duty hours, the amount of time allotted for degree completion for enlisted individuals may be extended based on deployment and/or work schedules.

Scholarships for Reservists and their Dependents

USAA Family Reserve Enlisted Scholarship

Eligibility: Applicants must be a U.S. Coast Guard Enlisted Reservist or a Dependent (defined as a spouse or child) of a Coast Guard Drilling Enlisted Reservist Registered in Deers. The scholarship can be applied to tuition, fees, books and school supplies.

Award Range: Four \$750 scholarships are awarded each year.

Application Process: The applicant must meet the following requirements:

- // Enrolled in or have been accepted to an accredited institution in a degree (associate’s, bachelor’s, master’s, doctoral) program or a two or four year course of study at an accredited technical or vocational training school.
- // Maintain minimum GPA established by their institution to remain in degree status.
- // Pursue his/her first associate’s, bachelor’s, master’s or doctoral degree or technical/vocational certificate.
- // Applicants for the USAA Family Reserve Enlisted Scholarship must submit the following information:
- // A letter attesting to the eligibility requirements listed above, to include full name of dependent/student, sponsor name and duty station and sponsor contact information including phone, e-mail and mailing address. Sponsor must sign all dependent application letters.
- // An official transcript from school attended during the most recent academic year.
- // One-page essay on “What My/My Parent’s/My Spouse’s Coast Guard Reserve Participation Means to Me.” Essays are to be typewritten on standard 8-1/2 x 11 paper.

Submit applications to arrive no later than 1 August to: Reserve Force Master Chief, Commandant G-WT-CMC, USCG Headquarters, 2100 Second Street SW, Room 5100, Washington D.C. 20593-0001. A panel will convene at Coast Guard Headquarters to review the packages and select up to four scholarship winners. Scholarships will be awarded by 15 September.

Contact Information:

- // LCDR Rob Hanley, Chief, Reserve Communications, U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters: (202) 267-6443, rhanley@comdt.uscg.mil
- // LT Scott Toves, U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters: (202) 267-0622, stoves@comdt.uscg.mil
- // LTJG Jae-Won Kwon, U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters: (202) 267-0192, jkwon@comdt.uscg.mil

Background on the Award: This program is made possible through a gift from USAA, an insurance and financial services institution.

Scholarships for Dependents

The Fallen Heroes Scholarship

Eligibility: Families of Coast Guard personnel who die in the line of duty.

Award Range: Initially, a partial scholarship for a maximum of four years at an accredited college or university for dependent children who lose a spouse or parent. With growth of the fund, recipients will receive a full, 4-year scholarship.

The most recent recipient is Pattie Bruckenthal, widow of DC 3 Nathan Bruckenthal, who was killed while supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom. Pattie will attend nursing school.

Application Process:

- /// Completed Foundation scholarship application form;
- /// College entrance scores;
- /// Letter of recommendation from high school official or college transcript signed by college official;
- /// Applicant letter to the president of the selection committee;
- /// Letter of acceptance from the college the student plans to attend;
- /// Foundation financial statement.

Contact Information: Gail Wilcox at the Coast Guard Foundation, 394 Taugwonk Road, Stonington, CT 06378. (860) 535-0786, www.cgfdn.org.

Background on the Award: This endowment is a gift from John and Delinda Statts in memory of John's parents. Captain Frederick Statts graduated from the Coast Guard Academy in 1936, married Sara in 1939 and served 11 tours of duty over a 30-year career that took him from Commanding Officer of the Mediterranean Section in Italy to Chief of District Operations in Juneau, Alaska. He retired as Commanding Officer of the Coast Guard Training Center in Cape May, New Jersey.

Captain and Mrs. Statts believed that, with proper preparation, anyone can do almost anything, and that proper preparation comes from a solid education.

The gift that established this fund was the largest in the 35-year history of the Coast Guard Foundation.

Arnold Sobel Scholarship AND the Coast Guard Foundation Scholarship

Eligibility: Dependent children of enlisted men and women of the U.S. Coast Guard on active duty, retired or deceased, and dependent children of enlisted personnel in the Coast Guard Reserve currently on extended active duty 180 days or more. Students applying to and currently attending college are eligible to apply.

Award Range: Up to \$5,000 per year. Renewable for up to four consecutive years as long as the student, in the opinion of the selection committee, continues to qualify. The Arnold Sobel Scholarship Fund offers four scholarships per year. The Coast Guard Foundation Scholarship awards vary year to year. However, seven of these grants were awarded in 2005.

Application Process: Student application package should include:

- /// Completed Foundation scholarship application form;
- /// The student's college entrance scores;
- /// A letter of recommendation from a school official where the student is currently attending high school or college transcript signed by school official (if student is currently attending college, transcripts must be submitted);
- /// Letter to the president of the selection committee;
- /// Letter of acceptance from the college or vocational school the student plans to attend;
- /// Completed Foundation financial statement.

Please Note: Application packages shall include originals plus five copies of all required materials, with the exception of official transcripts which are to remain sealed. Applicants may apply for one or more grants with one application packet. Photographs of the students are not to be submitted.

Contact Information: Questions and requests for applications may be directed to Mrs. Yvette Wright at (202) 267-6728 or email ywright@comdt.uscg.mil

- // To obtain application materials and requirements, please contact your Family Resource Specialist at your Regional Integrated Support Command Work Life Staff.
- // Obtain and mail application to Commandant (G-WKW-2), Attention: Scholarship Program Manager, 2100 Second Street, SW, Room 6320, Washington, DC 20593-0001.

Application Deadline is April 1. Selections will be made and announced in May.

Background on the Award: This scholarship honors RADM Arnold Sobel, whose affiliation with the Coast Guard began in WWII, when he commanded an LST and made many of the landings in the South Pacific. Those who knew him remember him for his many contributions to the maritime community, impact on the “one Coast Guard” concept through his reserve service, and his philanthropic efforts with the Coast Guard Foundation.

Proceeds from the Coast Guard Foundation’s annual D.C. Area and Long Beach, California golf tournaments are used to fund scholarships for the children of enlisted men and women.

Captain Ernest Fox Perpetual Scholarship

Eligibility: Employees of ARSC (active duty, federal civil service and their dependents)

Award Range: One \$1,000 scholarship is awarded each year.

Application Process: An original and five copies of the application package should be submitted to ARSC by 15 March.

Contact Information: For more information, please contact: Members of the ARSC interested in applying for this grant should contact MCPO Don Staubin of the ARSC at (252) 335-6034.

Background on the Award: This Scholarship is sponsored by Clay, Elizabeth and Dean Fox to honor the memory of their late son and brother, Captain Ernest W. Fox who served in the Coast Guard, from 1977-2000. This program established a perpetual scholarship at the Coast Guard Aircraft Repair and Supply Center (ARSC), Elizabeth City, North Carolina to assist the education and training endeavors of ARSC personnel. Captain Fox served as the Assistant Chief and Chief of Repair Division from 1992 until 1996.