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Subj: Coast Guard Exchange System (CGES) Scholarship Program

A. Coast Guard Exchange System (CGES) Scholarship Program, COMDTINST 1780.1 (series)

1. The Coast Guard Exchange System (CGES) established a scholarship program to provide scholarships to students who are dependents of Coast Guard active duty, Reserve, military retired members, current civilian non-appropriated fund (NAF) and appropriated fund (APF) employees, and Coast Guard Auxiliarists that are embarking on undergraduate college/university studies. CGES has awarded 13,750 dollars in scholarships to CG dependents over the past five years. Funding for the scholarship program is derived from profits generated by the Coast Guard exchanges. A 1,500 dollar scholarship will be awarded to the most outstanding applicant, the first runner up will be awarded a 750 dollar scholarship, and the second runner up a 500 dollar scholarship. Scholarships are awarded on a one-time basis and will be awarded based upon academic achievements, accomplishments, interests, and participation and demonstrated leadership in both school-oriented and community/volunteer activities.
2. The following eligibility requirements must be met:
  - A. The applicant must be in the last year of high school or home schooling, and scheduled to graduate and attend college full time during the subsequent year. Those who have already graduated from high school are not eligible to apply.
  - B. Students must plan to attend an accredited college or university for undergraduate studies. Scholarships will not be awarded for participation in non-academic and/or certificate programs. Students accepting appointments to USAFA, USMA, USCGA, USNA, or USMMA are not eligible.
3. Applications are available online at [www.uscg.mil/mwr](http://www.uscg.mil/mwr) (click on Scholarship Opportunities) or by sending a letter-size, self-addressed stamped envelope to: the CGES Scholarship Committee, USCG Community Services Command, Battlefield Technical Center 1, 510 Independence Pkwy, Suite 500, Chesapeake, VA 23320, ATTN: Candice Harrison. Completed applications must be submitted to the above-mentioned address and postmarked no later than 28 February 2012. No extensions or exemptions to this deadline will be made. Upon receipt, the eligibility of each applicant will be reviewed and validated. Incomplete applications and those pertaining to individuals determined to be ineligible, will not be processed nor returned. It is the responsibility of each applicant to ensure that all documents are submitted by their high school, testing agencies, and/or any other organizations. In addition to the completed application, the following documents must be submitted:
  - A. The official academic transcript to include the first semester of the senior year. Arrangements are to be made with the applicant's high school to submit the student's academic transcript directly to the CGES scholarship committee at the above address. The transcript should reflect the applicants exact or approximate class ranking.
  - B. Home-schooled applicants should submit the current year-end standardized test results such as Iowa basic skills test, Stanford achievement test, or other such tests if available, and SAT or ACT scores if taken.
  - C. SAT or ACT scores: the applicant may submit a photocopy of these scores or opt to have the testing agency forward the results directly to the CGES scholarship committee at the above address.
  - D. A short essay, not to exceed one typewritten page, explaining what the applicant hopes to achieve in his/her college career, including educational, professional, and personal goals.
  - E. Two letters of recommendation from teachers, school administrators, and/or community leaders.
4. The CGES scholarship committee, consisting of five members from tidewater area Team Coast Guard, will evaluate all eligible applications and will select the scholarship awardees.
5. CGES scholarship winners will be notified not later than 31 May 2011 by mail. Checks will be made payable to the colleges, and will be sent to the colleges financial departments to credit the students accounts.

6. The point of contact for the CGES scholarship is Candice Harrison, phone 757-842-4937.
7. RADM Daniel R. May, Commander, CG Personnel Service Center, sends.
8. Internet release authorized.

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