

ALCOAST 312/08

COMDTNOTE 1755

SUBJ: USAA SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FOR 2008-2009 ACADEMIC YEAR

1. THE OFFICE OF RESERVE AFFAIRS IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THE UNITED SERVICES AUTOMOBILE ASSOCIATION (USAA) IS SPONSORING SIX (6) 1000-DOLLAR SCHOLARSHIPS FOR THE 2008-2009 ACADEMIC YEAR FOR ENLISTED COAST GUARD RESERVISTS AND THEIR DEPENDENTS. SEND ELECTRONIC OR U.S. MAIL APPLICATION PACKAGES TO POC IN PARA 5 BELOW.

2. APPLICANTS MUST:

A. BE A COAST GUARD ENLISTED RESERVIST (SELRES OR IRR) OR THE DEPENDENT OF A COAST GUARD RESERVIST. DEPENDENTS MUST BE REGISTERED IN THE DEFENSE ENROLLMENT ELIGIBILITY REPORTING SYSTEM (DEERS).

B. BE ENROLLED IN OR HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED BY:

(1) AN ACCREDITED INSTITUTION IN A PROGRAM LEADING TO A COLLEGE DEGREE (ASSOCIATES, BACHELORS, MASTERS, DOCTORATE),

(2) OR A TWO OR FOUR-YEAR COURSE OF STUDY AT AN ACCREDITED TECHNICAL OR VOCATIONAL TRAINING SCHOOL.

C. MAINTAIN THE MINIMUM GPA REQUIRED BY THEIR INSTITUTION TO REMAIN IN DEGREE OR CERTIFICATE STATUS.

D. BE PURSUING HIS/HER FIRST ASSOCIATES, BACHELORS, MASTERS, OR DOCTORAL DEGREE OR TECHNICAL/VOCATIONAL CERTIFICATE.

3. APPLICATION PACKAGE MUST INCLUDE:

A. A ONE-PAGE COVER LETTER:

(1) ATTESTING TO THE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS LISTED IN PARA 2,

(2) FULL NAME OF RESERVIST OR SPONSOR,

(3) RESERVIST OR SPONSORS DUTY STATION, PHONE NUMBER, E-MAIL, MAILING ADDRESS AND RESERVIST OR SPONSORS SIGNATURE.

B. AN OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT FROM THE INSTITUTION ATTENDED DURING THE 2007-2008 ACADEMIC YEAR. IF STUDENT DID NOT ATTEND CLASSES DURING THE 2007-2008 ACADEMIC YEAR, SUBMIT TRANSCRIPT FROM THE LAST ACADEMIC YEAR ATTENDED.

C. A ONE-PAGE ESSAY ON: "HOW MY/MY PARENTS/MY SPOUSES PARTICIPATION IN THE COAST GUARD RESERVE HAS CONTRIBUTED TO MY SUCCESS." ESSAYS MUST BE PRINTED ON EIGHT-AND-ONE-HALF BY ELEVEN-INCH PAPER WITH A FONT SIZE NOT SMALLER THAN 10 PITCH AND MARGINS NOT SMALLER THAN 1 INCH.

4. APPLICATIONS SENT BY U.S. MAIL MUST BE POSTMARKED NLT 31 JUL 08. ELECTRONIC SUBMISSIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY 31 JULY 08. SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS WILL BE SELECTED BY THE 2008 COAST GUARD RESERVE AWARDS PANEL AND ANNOUNCED VIA ALCOAST.

5. COMMANDANT (CG-131) POC IS CWO GREG HUNTON, PHONE: (202) 475-5461, E-MAIL: GREG.P.HUNTON (AT)USCG.MIL, MAILING ADDRESS: U.S. COAST GUARD (COMDT CG-1313), ATTN: CWO HUNTON, 1900 HALF STREET S.W., WASHINGTON, DC 20593-0001.

6. RDML D.R. MAY, DIRECTOR OF RESERVE AND TRAINING, SENDS.

7. INTERNET RELEASED AUTHORIZED.