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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, AND MILITARY RETIRED MEMBERS, CURRENT CIVILIAN NAF AND APF EMPLOYEES, AND COAST GUARD AUXILIARISTS THAT ARE EMBARKING ON UNDERGRADUATE COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY STUDIES. A 1,500 DOLLAR SCHOLARSHIP WILL BE AWARDED TO THE MOST OUTSTANDING APPLICANT, THE FIRST RUNNER UP WILL BE AWARDED 750 DOLLARS, AND THE SECOND RUNNER UP 500 DOLLARS. SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AWARDED ON A ONE TIME BASIS. SCHOLARSHIPS WILL BE AWARDED BASED UPON ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT, ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND 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, USNA, USMA, USCGA, OR USMMA ARE NOT ELIGIBLE.

3. APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED TO: THE CGES SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE, COAST GUARD EXCHANGE SYSTEM HEADQUARTERS, 870 GREENBRIER CIRCLE, SUITE 502, CHESAPEAKE, VA 23320-2681, ATTN: JANA SIAS AND POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN 27 FEBRUARY 2009. 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 APPLICANTS HIGH SCHOOL TO SUBMIT THE STUDENTS 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 TEST IF AVAILABLE, AND S.A.T. OR A.C.T. SCORES IF TAKEN.

C. S.A.T. OR A.C.T. 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. APPLICATIONS ARE AVAILABLE ON LINE 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, COAST GUARD EXCHANGE SYSTEM HEADQUARTERS, 870 GREENBRIER CIRCLE, SUITE 502, CHESAPEAKE, VA 23320-2681, ATTN JANA SIAS.

5. THE CGES SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE, CONSISTING OF FIVE MEMBERS FROM TIDEWATER AREA TEAM COAST GUARD, WILL EVALUATE ALL ELIGIBLE APPLICATIONS AND SELECT THE SCHOLARSHIP AWARDEES.

6. CGES SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS WILL BE NOTIFIED NOT LATER THAN 31 MAY 2008 BY MAIL. CHECKS WILL BE MADE PAYABLE TO THE COLLEGES, AND SENT TO THE COLLEGES FINANCIAL DEPARTMENTS TO CREDIT THE STUDENTS ACCOUNTS.

7. THE POINT OF CONTACT FOR THE CGES SCHOLARSHIP IS JANA SIAS, PHONE (757) 420-2480, X3019.

8. RADM JODY A BRECKENRIDGE, ASSISTANT COMMANDANT FOR HUMAN RESOURCES SENDS.

9. INTERNET RELEASE AUTHORIZED.

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