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FRA Education Foundation Scholarship Deadline is April 15th

College-bound students who have an affiliation with the Navy, Marine Corps or Coast Guard are invited to apply for generous scholarships through the FRA Education Foundation. The deadline to apply is April 15, 2012, and the Foundation's board of directors encourages all eligible candidates to apply for academic awards of up to \$5,000. Applications are available online at www.fra.org/foundation.

Applicants must be affiliated with the Navy, Marine Corps or Coast Guard, either through their own service or that of a spouse, parent or grandparent. FRA Education Foundation scholarships are funded through private donations, established trusts and corporate sponsorships, and recipients are selected based on financial need, academic standing, character and leadership qualities.

"The scope of the Fleet Reserve Association (FRA) scholarship program has grown substantially since 2000, which led to the creation of the Education Foundation in 2009," explains Joe Barnes, a member of the Foundation's board of directors and FRA's national executive director. "Thanks to the tremendous generosity of our members, legacy gifts and corporate sponsors, we've been able to provide more scholarships each year. In 2010, we helped 26 deserving students with a total of \$118,000 in scholarships. Last year, we awarded \$124,000 to 30 scholars. We're excited about the continued growth of the Foundation and its awards and look forward to expanding the program even more in 2012."

In addition to its generous scholarship program, FRA is an outspoken advocate for enhanced education benefits for service members and veterans, including the Post-9/11 GI Bill benefit that allows career service members to transfer the benefit to family members.

Donations to the FRA Education Foundation, a 501(c)(3) charitable organization, are welcome from individuals, organizations and businesses, and are tax deductible.

The FRA Education Foundation

The FRA Education Foundation provides academic scholarships to deserving students based on financial need, academic standing, and demonstrated leadership qualities. The Foundation partners with military and education professionals to promote life-long learning opportunities that help scholars reach their educational, professional and personal goals. To learn more, visit www.fra.org/foundation or call 703-683-1400.