

Scholarship Applications Available via Website

The deadline for FRA Education Foundation 2017 scholarships applications is April 15. The forms are available via the Foundation website www.fra.org/foundation. The information on our website is useful in guiding eligible students through our program and for reference to prospective members of the FRA – the Foundation’s parent organization. Our scholarship program is a major membership benefit.

As noted on the scholarship form, applicants must be affiliated with the U.S. Navy, Marine Corps or Coast Guard through their own service or that of a spouse, parent, grandparent or great grandparent. FRA members in good standing, their spouses, children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren are eligible for a wider range of scholarships. Award recipients must be U.S. citizens and full-time students at an accredited U.S. college or university. Some scholarships have broad criteria for eligibility while others—including legacy awards based on estate contributions from deceased Shipmates—are more specific.

Our scholarships outline the following categories. The forms are online.

- **FRA Member Scholarships**
- **Col. Hazel Benn (USMC) Scholarships**
- **Angelo and Mildred Nunez Scholarships**
- **Non-FRA Member Scholarships**

In addition, links to LA FRA scholarship applications are also online and outline all requirements. Applicant entries must be complete, accurate, legible and printed in black ink. Applicants AND the head of their family must both sign the application. Of utmost importance is the submission of official or certified academic documents, (i.e., high school and/or college transcripts, test scores), the essay, a school and community activities sheet and two recommendations.

Unfortunately, we receive a significant number of incomplete applications each year and they cannot be considered by the review committee. Please keep in mind how important it is to review all requirements before submitting your application package.

Awards range from \$2,000 to \$5,000, with some defined by estate instructions associated with legacy contributions made to the Foundation to support the awards. Also the information is available via the FRA app. Go to <https://fra.mosaic-mobile.net/share-app.aspx>. The site will determine the type of device being used and will provide the proper download.

It’s also important to acknowledge contributions from Shipmates and FRA Affinity or other corporate partners that help fund our scholarships. FRA has established partnerships with one college and two universities. Each has unique degree and course offerings, and offer special benefits to FRA Shipmates and family members, including tuition discounts, transfer credits and military experience, grants and more.

Visit Excelsior College, Columbia Southern University and Capella University online and learn about each institution, their programs and how FRA members and family members can benefit. Links are on Foundation page www.fra.org/foundation.

Education is a priority for the FRA and the FRA Education Foundation. Members are urged to learn about our scholarships and our college and university partnerships.

I’ll close with information about the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC). The Foundation has participated in the CFC for many years. Organizations must apply each year. Significant changes will be implemented this year, including expanding participation to federal/military retirees and establishing annual participation and listing fees. We’ve applied to the CFC federation of Military Support Groups of America, which will result in reduced CFC fees. Look for more details in the coming months. **FRA**

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