

## Education Foundation Scholarships



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The deadline for 2018 Foundation scholarship applications is April 15, 2018. Updated application forms are posted on the Foundation web page at [fra.org/foundation](http://fra.org/foundation). Scroll down and select one of the scholarships and print out the application, which includes detailed instructions and eligibility requirements.

**It's especially important to submit complete application packages.** Include all required documents listed. We receive many incomplete packages each year and they are NOT forwarded to the review committee. Please be sure to encourage students to submit complete packages including transcripts and recommendation letters.

When asked about applications received in the past, Foundation Scholarship Coordinator Alicia Landis said, *"It's helpful to get applications as early as possible. In addition, I strongly encourage students to assemble every enclosure (including recommendations and transcripts, which need to be in sealed and signed envelopes). Everything should accompany the signed application forms."* She believes this would reduce the amount of incomplete packages.

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**Eligibility:** As noted on the scholarship form, applicants must be affiliated with the United States 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. Recipients must be U.S. citizens and full-time students at an accredited U.S. college or university.

Some Foundation scholarships have broad eligibility criteria, while others—including legacy awards—are based on estate contribution instructions. These are more specific. Forms for the following categories can be accessed at the bottom of the Foundation web page.

- **FRA Member Scholarships which include Angelo and Mildred Nunez Scholarships** (to

benefit children of Navy personnel)

- **Col. Hazel Benn (USMC) Scholarships** (to benefit children of Navy Corpsmen who served in support of USMC units)
- **Non-FRA Member Scholarships** (LA FRA scholarship are on the Foundation page)

**Applications** must be complete, accurate, legible, and printed in black ink. Applicants must sign the application and ensure it is also signed by the head of family. 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.

**Awards** range from \$2,000 to \$5,000 with some based on instructions given to the Foundation. As noted above, scholarship information and applications are available on FRA's website ([fra.org/foundation](http://fra.org/foundation)). Information is also available with the **FRA App**. To load the App go to <https://fra.mosaic-mobile.net/share-app.aspx>. The page will determine and load the proper App.

Let me remind you about the importance of individual, branch or corporate contributions that support our scholarships. Contributions by service members and military retirees can be made with MyPay allotment designation on the DFAS website. You can also contribute at: [fra.org/foundation](http://fra.org/foundation).

Education is a priority for the FRA. All members are urged to learn more about our scholarships. FRA has established partnerships with **Excelsior College, Columbia Southern University and Capella University** (each is linked to the Foundation page at [fra.org/foundation](http://fra.org/foundation)). Learn about each institution and how FRA members and their family can benefit.

As always, thanks for your strong and continuing support and please encourage others who are eligible to check out our scholarship program. **FRA**

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