

# Please Support the FRA Education Foundation

Dear Shipmates:

The 2017 FRA Education Foundation scholarship cycle commenced on September 1, 2016 and continues until the scholarship application deadline of April 15, 2017. In conjunction with this, the Foundation Board of Directors asks for your assistance in helping spread the word about this important program.

Although we've been awarding generous scholarships for a number of years, many Shipmates and Auxiliary members may not be aware of who is eligible to apply for awards presented annually to deserving scholars. Those who qualify include:

**FRA Shipmates – spouses - dependent biological, step or adoptive children, biological, step or adoptive grandchildren or biological, step or adoptive great grandchildren of an FRA member**

Non-members of the Association may also apply for a limited number of annual awards. Applicants must be on active duty, Reserve, retired or honorably discharged from the United States Navy, Marine Corps or Coast Guard, or the spouse, dependent biological, step or adoptive child, biological, step or adoptive grandchild, or biological, step or adoptive great grandchild of the non-member.

This program is a valuable benefit of membership in the FRA and is a high interest issue with prospective members. Remember to mention Foundation scholarship when speaking with active, Reserve, retired and qualified Sea Services veterans when discussing the value of membership in the FRA.

Additional information is available on the Education Foundation page on the FRA web site at [www.fra.org/foundation](http://www.fra.org/foundation), or by clicking the **Events and Programs tab** on the web site landing page and selecting the FRA Education Foundation. Application forms with detailed instructions can be accessed via the links on the lower part of the Foundation page. Simply click the needed form which can be viewed and printed. After completion, applicants submit the forms along with the required materials.

Foundation brochures are also available for distribution to local schools or at FRA Branch outreach events. Brochures can be requested by contacting PRPEC Bob Washington at FRA National Headquarters at 1-800-372-1924, or via e-mail at [bobw@fra.org](mailto:bobw@fra.org).

Finally, individual and Branch donations of any amount are welcomed at any time in support of the Foundation. Contributions are fully tax deductible and can be sent to FRA Education Foundation, 125 N. West St., Alexandria, VA 22314. Individuals can also contribute via FRA's web site ([www.fra.org](http://www.fra.org)) by clicking the **red Donations tab** and then clicking **donate to the FRA Education Foundation**.

Thanks for your assistance in helping spread the word about this important program which is directly related to FRA's mission. And please communicate this information at Branch meetings, in Branch newsletters and other communications including your Branch web site (if applicable), and keep this letter for future reference.

In LPS,

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FRA NED Emeritus