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FRA Education Foundation Scholarship Deadline is April 15th

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Students with Navy, Marine Corps or Coast Guard Affiliation are Invited to Apply

The deadline to apply for FRA Education Foundation scholarships is rapidly approaching and all college-bound students who have an affiliation with the Navy, Marine Corps or Coast Guard are encouraged to apply. Eligible candidates are invited to submit applications for academic awards of up to \$5,000 before April 15, 2013. 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, and those who are affiliated with an FRA member are eligible for a broader range of scholarships. 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, our scholarship fund has grown with each passing year. In 2010, we were able to provide \$118,000 in scholarships, we awarded \$124,000 in 2011 and, in 2012, we were able to present \$128,000 to 28 deserving scholars. We're excited about the continued growth of the Foundation and its awards, and look forward to expanding the program even more in the years to come."

The Foundation's parent organization, 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 was a Combined Federal Campaign-authorized charity for the first time in 2012 and 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.