FRA Education Foundation Announces 2020 Scholarship Recipients

THE FRA EDUCATION FOUNDATION proudly announces its scholarship recipients for 2020. Funded through private donations, corporate sponsorships, and established trusts, the Foundation will present $89,000 in scholarships to 20 deserving students who are pursuing their dreams of a college degree in the 2020-2021 academic year.

Scholarship recipients are selected based on need, academic proficiency and character. Established in 2009, the FRA Education Foundation works to advance FRA’s longstanding tradition of helping students reach their educational and professional goals.

“Our scholarship program continues to be a great source of pride for the Foundation and we’re especially proud of this year’s award recipients,” says Joe Barnes, President of the Foundation’s Board of Directors and FRA National Executive Director Emeritus. “Students from 16 states will benefit from these scholarships. Since 2000, we’ve disbursed nearly $2 million in awards and we’re grateful for the great support from FRA, many FRA branches and shipmates, and other contributors who make these awards possible.’

All current and former members of the Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard, their spouses and dependent children are eligible to apply for Foundation scholarships. Members of the FRA, their spouses, children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren qualify for a broader range of awards, several of which are funded through member legacy donations.

Although applicants don’t require a connection to FRA to apply for Foundation awards, it is important to note that 14 of the 20 recipients are, or are related to, FRA Shipmates. “Our scholarship program is a high interest issue to prospective members. Shipmates should mention these scholarship opportunities when interacting with Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard personnel,” suggests Barnes.

Applications for FRA’s 2021-2022 scholarships will be available at www.fra.org/foundation after September 1, 2020.

THE RECIPIENTS OF FRA EDUCATION FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS FOR 2020

Glenn F. Glezen Scholarship ($5,000)
(1) Michelle N. Ammon, Marianna, Penn., spouse of Shipmate Edward J. Ammon, Member-at-Large

Robert W. Nolan Scholarship ($5,000)
(2) Shipmate Thomas D. Melvin, North Charleston, S.C., Member-at-Large

Joseph R. Baranski Scholarship ($5,000)
(3) Holly N. Slattery, Washington, Mich., Daughter of Shipmate Dennis E. Slattery, Member-at-Large

FRA Education Foundation Awards ($5,000 each)
(4) Chiara A. Curnow, Fallbrook, Calif., Granddaughter of Shipmate Harold L. Pofahl (deceased), Member, Branch 70
(5) Kayla A. Petri, Niagara Falls, N.Y., Granddaughter of Shipmate Francis Smegelsky, Member-at-Large
(6) Desira L. Parr, Burlington, Wis., Granddaughter of Shipmate PRPNC Leon J. Zalewski, Member, Branch 14

GEICO Scholarship ($5,000 each)
(7) Samuel T. Rutan, Lemoyne, Penn., Grandson of Shipmate John C. Hoover, Member, Branch 146
(8) Erryn A. Smith, Corvallis, Oregon, Step-Granddaughter of Shipmate Lloyd L. Schrier, Member-at-Large

Robert M. Treadwell Annual Scholarship ($5,000)
(9) Adam B. Reingold, Boise, Idaho, Grandson of Shipmate Harold E. Pinson, Member, Branch 382

Stanley A. Doran Memorial Scholarship ($5,000)
(10) Spencer R. Burroughs, Havelock, N.C., Daughter of Shipmate Miles A. Burroughs, Member, Branch 24

The Donald Bruce Pringle Family Scholarship ($5,000)
(11) Kendal F. Shields, Annapolis, Md., Granddaughter of Shipmate Robert G. Shields, Member, Branch 24

MCPO Ken E. Blair Scholarship ($5,000)
(12) Mandy I. Abernathy, Norfolk, Neb., Daughter of Shipmate Kent S. Abernathy, Member, Branch 276

Express Scripts Scholarship ($4,000 each)
US Family Health Scholarship ($5,000)

Angelo and Mildred Nunez Scholarship ($5,000 each)

Tom and Karen Snee Scholarship ($3,000)

Navy Department Branch 181 Scholarship ($2,000)

Rosemary Posekany Memorial Scholarship ($1,000)

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