

FRA Education Foundation Announces 2025 Scholarship Recipients

THE FRA EDUCATION FOUNDATION proudly announces its scholarship recipients for 2025. Funded through private donations, corporate sponsorships, and established trusts, the Foundation will present \$88,000 in scholarships to 23 deserving students who are pursuing their dreams of a college degree in the 2025-2026 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. Since 2000, we've disbursed nearly \$2.5 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 16 of the 23 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 2026 scholarships will be available at www.fra.org/foundation after September 1, 2025.

THE RECIPIENTS OF FRA EDUCATION FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS FOR 2025

Glenn F. Glezen Scholarship (\$5,000)

(1) Isaac Chapman, Adel, IA, Grandson of Shipmate Gary L Moore, Member-at-Large

Robert W. Nolan Scholarship (\$5,000)

(2) James S. Bates, IV, Annapolis, MD, Son of Shipmate James S. Bates III, Member, Branch 24

Joseph R. Baranski Scholarship (\$5,000)

(3) Claire M. Loveless, Harrisburg, NC, Granddaughter of Shipmate Walter J. Loveless, Member-at-Large

FRA Education Foundation Awards (\$5,000 each)

(4) Zoe K. Rollins, Loveland, CO, Granddaughter of Shipmate James S. Traynor (Deceased) Member-at-Large

(5) Abigail N. Burner, Mineral Wells, WV, Daughter of Shipmate Terry L. Burner, Jr., Member-at-Large

(6) Nikolaos D. Krontiris, Wallingford, PA, Grandson of Shipmate Milano Leonardis (Deceased), Member, Branch 001

(7) Charlotte A. Reeves, APO AE, Daughter of Shipmate Laura C. Reeves, Member-at-Large

(8) James O. Welch, New Orleans, LA, Grandson of Shipmate James U. Simmons, Member, Branch 162

FRA Education Foundation Awards (\$2,500 each)

(9) Molly A. McGuire, New Bern, NC, Daughter of Timothy A. McGuire, Non-FRA Member

(10) Victoria M. Trujillo, San Antonio, TX, Daughter of Martin G. Trujillo Jr., Non-FRA Member

(11) Brady A. Marzakis, Brunswick, ME, Grandson of William L. Klein, Non-FRA Member

(12) Kendalyn G. Buck, Glenville, NC, Daughter of Orlando R. Buck, Non-FRA Member

Robert M. Treadwell Annual Scholarship (\$5,000)

(13) Amanda M. Korn, Hatboro, PA, Granddaughter of Shipmate Richard E. Murphy, Member, Branch 146

The Donald Bruce Pringle Family Scholarship (\$5,000)

(14) Ian M. Rotruck, Grove City, OH, Son of Shipmate William J. Rotruck, Member-at-Large

MCPO Ken E. Blair Scholarship (\$5,000)

(15) Lauren E. Launikitis, Tampa, FL, Daughter of Shipmate Joseph E. Launikitis, Member, Branch 102

James C. Bowen Memorial Scholarship (\$2,500 each)

(16) Emma I. King, Fernandina Beach, FL, Daughter of William King, Non-FRA Member

(17) Josie G. Wood, Mt. Washington, KY, Daughter of Craig A. Wood, Non-FRA Member

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

(18) Jacob C. Sullivan, Worcester, MA, Son of Shipmate Peter J. Sullivan, Member-At-Large

(19) Samanta M. Radford, Virginia Beach, VA, Daughter of Shipmate Chett D. Radford, Member-at-Large

Navy Department Branch 181 Scholarship (\$2,000)

(20) Laura H. Lamp, Stafford, VA, Granddaughter of Shipmate Thomas E. Duke, Sr, Member, Branch 181

Col. Hazel Elizabeth Benn, USMC, Scholarship (\$2,000)

(21) Lily G. Ditman, Suffolk, VA, Daughter of Shipmate David R. Ditman, Member, Branch 037

(22) Ian M. Rotruck, Grove City, OH, Son of Shipmate William J. Rotruck, Member-at-Large

Rosemary Posekany Memorial Scholarship (\$1,000)

(23) Leah N. O'Brien, Orange Park, FL, Granddaughter of Levarn C. Murry, Non-FRA Member

FRA Education Foundation Award (\$1,000)

(24) Hailey J. Walker, Battle Creek, MI, Spouse of Allan E. Walker, Non-FRA Member