

FRA Education Foundation Announces 2016 Scholarship Recipients

The FRA Education Foundation proudly announces its scholarship recipients for 2016. Funded through private donations, corporate sponsorships, established trusts and the FRA, the Foundation will present \$96,500 in scholarships to 22 deserving students who are pursuing their dreams of a college degree in the 2016–2017 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 long-standing 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 15 states will benefit from these scholarships. Since 2000, we've disbursed nearly \$1.6 million in awards and we're grateful for the strong and continuing 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 and grandchildren qualify for a broader range of awards, several of which are funded through member legacy donations.

Although applicants don't have to have a connection to FRA to apply for Foundation awards, it is important to note that 14 of the 22 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 2016–2017 scholarships will be available at www.fra.org/foundation after September 1, 2016.

The recipients of FRA Education Foundation scholarship awards for 2015 are:

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

Ryan P. Todesco, Southwick, Mass.; grandson of Shipmate Hal Tatlow (FRA Member-at-Large)

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

Joshua M. Simonsen, Blufton, S.C.; grandson of Shipmate James Campbell (Branch 172)

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

Erica S. Sill, Wartburg, Tenn.; granddaughter of Shipmate Douglass Spangler (Branch 294)

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

Erin C. Ward, Virginia Beach, Va.; daughter of Shipmate Jonathan Ward (FRA Member-at-Large)

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

Kaitlyn R. Sands, Gravette, Ark.; granddaughter of Shipmate James Sands (FRA Member-at-Large)

Stanley A. Doran Memorial Scholarship (\$5,000)

Rebecca L. Ray, Burleson, Texas; daughter of Shipmate Gregory Ray (FRA Member-at-Large)

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

Samantha K Gray, Green Cove Springs, Fla.; granddaughter of Karen Gray (FRA widow)

GEICO Scholarship (\$5,000 each)

Jamie L. Morgereth, Kingsville, Md.; granddaughter of Shipmate Edward Morgereth (FRA Member-at-Large)

Elijah B. Bowers, Santa Rosa, Calif.; great-grandson of Shipmate Joe Maynard (Branch 296)

Fleet Reserve Association Awards

Amanda L. Fitzharris, Desert Hot Springs, Calif.; granddaughter of Shipmate Charles Jenkins (FRA Member-at-Large) (\$5,000)

Deborah D. Gilbertson.; granddaughter of Shipmate Douglas Arthur (FRA Member-at-Large) (\$5,000)

Delaney R. Cohen, Englewood, Fla.; great-granddaughter of Shipmate Charles Bond (Branch 102) (\$5,000)

Braxtyn M. DeGolyer, Dunbar, Nebr.; grandson of Shipmate Wilbur DeGolyer (FRA Member-at-Large) (\$2,000)

Bridget M. Simmons, Hamilton, N.J. (\$2,000)

Colonel Hazel Benn Scholarship (\$2,000)

Kaitlynn L. Newcomb, Gray, Tenn.; daughter of Shipmate Riley Newcomb (FRA Member-at-Large)

Tom and Karen Snee Scholarship (\$5,000)

Shelby N. Bonomo, Mesa, Ariz.

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

Emily A. Wollard, Greensboro, N.C.

Kaitlynn H. Himmelreich, Jacksonville, Fla.

Mercer Scholarship (\$5,000)

Thaddaeus A. Bacon, Cedar Hill, Texas

Express Scripts Scholarship (\$4,000 each)

Gabriella C. Mixan, Glenwood, Iowa

Naomi R. VanderLey, Virginia Beach, VA

Pharma Scholarship (\$2,500)

Samantha A. Carter, East Boothbay, Maine

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 is a Combined Federal Campaign-authorized charity 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.