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Scholarships available for family members of Sea Services members with Alaska residency

PENSACOLA, Fla. – The Navy League and Naval Education and Training Command (NETC) announced July 24, eligibility requirements for the Alaska Sea Services Scholarship for academic year 2013-2014.

The program awards up to four \$1000 scholarships annually for undergraduate education to dependent children or spouses of personnel serving in the U.S. Navy, Marine Corps or Coast Guard (either active duty or reserve), retired from those services, or were serving at time of death or missing-in-action status and who also are legal residents of Alaska. Applicants will be ranked according to academic proficiency, character, leadership ability, community involvement and financial need.

“College is expensive, but scholarships are one way to make it more affordable,” said Alaska Commissioner of Education & Early Development Mike Hanley. “I strongly encourage dependents of our Alaska-resident sea service members to apply for and take advantage of this scholarship program.”

The scholarships are made possible by funds raised as a War Bond during World War II to honor the Sailors of the USS Juneau (CL 52). Following the

war, the Governor of the Territory of Alaska and the Secretary of the Navy agreed that the bond monies would remain on deposit until an appropriate use for the fund could be found. In 1986, the Navy established the Alaska Sea Services Scholarship Fund.

The application deadline is March 1, 2013 for the FY-13 selection board, which convenes in April 2013.

A selection board will be held by the Navy League Foundation, followed by final approval by NETC. Selectees will then be notified and scholarship funds disbursed to the appropriate academic institution.

Applicants must show acceptance at an accredited college or university for full-time undergraduate study toward a Bachelor of Arts or a Bachelor of Science degree. No more than two scholarship awards may be given to any individual during pursuit of a four-year degree.

"The Alaska Sea Services Scholarship is one of 25 endowed scholarships available to Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard family members through the Navy League Foundation," said Philip Dunmire, Navy League of the United States national president. "We encourage all qualified Alaska residents to take advantage of this educational opportunity, and also investigate their eligibility for other scholarships that the Navy League and its councils have to offer."

For complete information and an application to apply for the Alaska Sea Services Scholarship, visit

<http://www.navyleague.org/files/corporate/website-scholarship-app-2012.pdf> or refer to NAVADMIN 221/12. Interested families may also contact Cheral Wintling at (850) 452-3671 (DSN 922-3671), e-mail:

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