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NARR/REF A IS NAVADMIN 108/16 FLEET SCHOLARS EDUCATION PROGRAM.

REF B IS NAVY CIVINS WEBSITE HTTP://WWW.NPS.EDU/ACADEMICS/CIVINS/INDEX.HTML. REF C IS NAVPGSCOLINST 1520.1J//

RMKS/1. This ALLNAVAIRFOR announces eligibility requirements, application procedures and seeks applications for the academic year 2017 and 2018 (AY-17/18) Fleet Scholars Education Program (FSEP). Per Ref A, seven quotas are available to Commander, Naval Air Forces for the academic year 17/18 fall winter start dates.

2. Education is our Navy's strategic investment to enhance the warfighting effectiveness and critical thinking skills of our career officers. FSEP provides a rich and unique opportunity to provide quality, relevant and diverse education to our most talented Naval Aviation Officers. FSEP allows COMNAVAIRFOR the opportunity to reward and retain top performing career-minded officers. Selectees will attend the school of their choice in residence, in the field they choose, for up to 24 months.

3. Eligibility and program requirements for active duty officers in AY-17/18 IAW Ref A:

A. The FSEP program is nominally for O-3 and junior O-4 aviation 1310 and 1320 officers in year groups 2006 and junior that have not yet been selected to serve as an aviation department head. Weapons and Tactics Instructors (WTI) are only eligible for participation if they have completed or will complete their WTI Gremlin prior to program commencement.

B. Officers who have received fully funded graduate education are not eligible to participate. This does not include graduate degrees obtained through Post 9-11 G.I. Bill, Tuition Assistance (TA), Navy College Program for Afloat College Education (NCPACE) or a service or joint college. Officers that have participated in the Graduate Education Voucher program are not eligible.

C. Aviation officers who have submitted a lateral transfer package are not eligible for participation. Officers being considered must accept community service obligation with selection to FSEP graduate education program.

D. FSEP selectees shall agree to remain on active duty for three years upon graduation or withdrawal from the program. A member who voluntarily or through misconduct fails to complete the active duty time shall be required to reimburse the cost of the education received, prorated for the obligated time served.

4. Applicants must:

- A. Complete an application package via his/her Commanding Officer containing:
 - (1) Application letter including list of top three desired schools/programs.
 - (2) Highwater competitive FITREPS from each operational tour.
 - (3) Undergraduate and graduate transcripts (if applicable).
 - (4) Official photograph.
 - (5) Chain of Command endorsement (CO).
 - (6) Additional letters of recommendation (desired, not required).
 - (7) GMAT or GRE test scores (desired, not required).

B. Submit application package via the commanding officer to PERS-43 NLT 9 Sep 2016.

C. Upon program selection, the primary selectees have 14 working days to accept or decline participation in the program. A non-response will be treated as a decline for participation. Any time thereafter, selectee-initiated requests to decline an assignment will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis. Make notifications to PERS-432D, LT Rick Murray (richard.a.murray(at)navy.mil); (901) 874-3950.

D. Consult NAVADMIN message applicable for the academic year in which selection is desired for program details.

5. PERS-43 will:

A. Serve as Fleet POC for collection of all program applications.

B. Screen the officer applicants for strength of record and career impact and submit applications packaged by community to the Type Wings for review and endorsement. Upon receipt of Type Wing Endorsements, submit recommended list of primary and alternate candidates to CNAF for final selection and approval.

C. Ensure officers returning to the fleet following completion of FSEP are detailed to competitive assignments for further career progression.

6. Type Wings will:

A. Review all packages submitted by PERS-43 for strength of record. Submit rank order endorsement of nominated officer packages to PERS-43 NLT 26 Sep 2016.

7. CNAF will:

A. Solicit nominations from subordinate commanders and Commanding Officers.

B. Select one person and at least one alternate to fill each of the seven aviation assigned FSEP quotas.

8. Following program selection, FSEP candidates must:

A. Apply to at least three graduate education institutions of their choice. Participants will be reimbursed for up to three application fees and three transcript fees. Starting enrollment and permanent change of station orders will be for the fall term start (normally August).

B. Be responsible for meeting chosen school(s) admission standards, application deadlines and additional requirements that could vary by department and degree program. Selectee must ensure that curriculum selected is an in-residence program. Distance learning, medical and legal education are not authorized under this program.

C. Provide Education Plan (ED plan) found in Ref C to NPS CIVINS office for review. ED plans will be submitted upon initial notification of acceptance from school. Selectees must maintain full-time enrollment. Selectees will schedule thesis/capstone project/research and/or internship for the equivalent of full time status for this time.

D. Consult the CIVINS office for any requested changes in approved ED plan. Any desired changes to course enrollments, curricula, and degree need prior approval from the CIVINS office. FSEP selectees must immediately report academic probation and failing course work to NPS CIVINS office.

E. Be familiar and follow directions provided in Ref C. FSEP selectees are responsible for following this guidance, and where there are questions and/or conflict, to contact the NPS CIVINS office.

F. IAW FSEP directives, there is no requirement for FSEP funded degrees to meet the Educational Skill Requirements (ESR) of a Navy Subspecialty Code (SSC). FSEP selectees are not limited to only SSC-Awarding curricula. However, earning a SSC is highly encouraged, can enhance future billet assignment opportunities and strengthen officer skill competencies specifically valued by the Navy. All FSEP selectees will provide a review of their Electronic Service Record (ESR) alongside their course work for review by the CIVINS office and SSC subject matter expert(s) with their ED plan IAW Ref C. The lists of SSCs and corresponding ESRs are found here: [Http://www.nps.edu/academics/subspecialty-codes.html](http://www.nps.edu/academics/subspecialty-codes.html), in an effort to identify a SSC that most closely aligns with the selectee's proposed area of study and courses.

G. FSEP selectees and students must maintain the high level of professional performance, bearing, and potential that resulted in their selection. FSEP misconduct, decline in performance or the failure to be selected for promotion to the next grade shall result in immediate review to determine if termination of the education opportunity is warranted.

H. Remain in good standing with the academic institution.

I. IAW Ref C, be assigned administratively to the appropriate support element nearest to school (ROTC, NOSC, PSA).

9. Timeline:

A. 9 Sep 2016: Application deadline for Fleet applicants to submit applications to PERS-43.

B. 16 Sep 2016: Deadline for Pers-43 to submit reviewed and screened packages to Type wings for endorsement.

C. 26 Sep 2016: Deadline for Type wings to submit candidate endorsements to PERS-43 for review and forwarding to CNAF.

D. 30 Sep 2016: Deadline for PERS-43 to submit final list of candidates to CNAF for review and approval.

E. 14 Oct 2016: Applicants will be informed of selection/non-selection.

F. 28 Oct 2016: NLT date for selectees to accept or decline participation in the FSEP program.

10. PERS-43 FSEP point of contact: LT Rick Murray, PERS-432D, (901)874-3950/DSN 882, or via email at richard.a.murray@navy.mil.

11. This message is canceled for record purposes on 31 Jan 2017.

12. Fly, Flight, Lead! Air Boss sends.//

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