

SURFACE NAVY ASSOCIATION

VADM Robert L. Walters Scholarship Application

The Surface Navy Association Scholar receives an academic scholarship awarded for demonstrated leadership, community service, academic achievement and a commitment to pursuing higher educational objectives.

SELECTION QUALIFICATIONS

- Must be an SNA Member or dependent child, stepchild, ward or spouse of a current Surface Navy Association member. The member must be in their second or subsequent consecutive year of membership. *Note: SNA member must maintain current membership throughout scholarship award period if awarded.
- Member can be serving, retired or honorably discharged and must be a Surface Warfare Officer or Enlisted Surface Warfare Specialist. Qualified members must serve for a minimum of 3 years on surface ships of the U.S. Navy or a Coast Guardsman, Officer or Enlisted, with a permanent Cutterman Pin. Surface ships include carriers, combatants, amphibious, service force, mine force, tenders, and U.S. Coast Guard cutters of all classes.
- The 3 years need not be consecutive but must have been served on active duty.
- There is no minimum service period for children or spouses of personnel who died on active duty while serving in a surface ship or cutter.
- Surface Navy Association scholarships are for studies in an accredited full-time undergraduate or postgraduate program. Full-time status may be waived in the case of spouses as long as they maintain a course load of 6 semester hours.
- The Surface Navy Association will not discriminate on the basis of rank, race, color, sex, national or ethnic origin, or religion in the consideration and awarding of scholarships. Awards will be made on the basis of the individual's application, using a "whole person" concept, considering the candidate's scholastic proficiency, non-scholastic activities, scholastic and non-scholastic awards, character and financial needs

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

All applicants must submit 1 complete packet and enclose the following with your completed application:

- **ESSAY** - A 500 word essay is required. Please see attached document for complete guidance.
- **ACTIVITIES** - Please list community activities, athletics and jobs. Please list with date(s) of involvement and estimated amount of time spent per week.
- **LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION** - Three letters-from teachers, counselors or other persons of influence in your life, other than relatives, who have known you for at least two years and are in a position to address your character, citizenship, and leadership. **NOTE:** Only 3 letters of recommendation will be accepted. Please do not send additional letters.

High School Seniors should also include:

- A certified transcript or photocopy of your high school grades. Must include first semester of high school senior year.
- A copy of ACT or SAT scores that include applicant's full name.

Active Duty or Drilling Reservists should also include:

- A letter from your Commanding Officer commenting on your military service and leadership potential.
- A certified transcript or photocopy of the grades from your most recent four semesters of school.
- A copy of your ACT or SAT scores if available.

Applicants who are not high school seniors, active duty, or drilling reservists should also include:

- A certified transcript or photocopy of the grades of your four most recent semesters of school to include high school transcript if 4 semesters of college have not been completed.
- A copy of ACT or SAT test scores unless you are currently attending a college or university.

**Application packages must be postmarked by March 1 of the current year.
Email and Fax submissions will NOT be accepted.**

SNA, Attn: Scholarship, 6551 Loisdale Ct, Suite 222, Springfield, VA 22150

APPLICANT INFORMATION:

Applicant is: SNA Member Dependant of an SNA Member

Firstname: _____ Lastname: _____

Street: _____ Suite/Apt #: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Will you be using VA Benefits? YES NO Have you applied in the past? YES NO

CURRENT STATUS:

1. High School Senior YES NO *(if no move to question 2.)* Have been accepted for Fall Semester? YES NO

Name of College or University you have been accepted at: _____

If you have applied to other colleges, please indicate which: _____

2. Undergraduate Student: YES NO *(if no move to next question 3.)*

Name of College or University you are attending: _____ Academic Status: (i.e. Freshman, etc): _____

3. Spouse Attending: Undergraduate School Graduate School

Name of School: _____ Current or future Total of credits per semester: _____

Please indicate (affirmative only) if you are any of the following Programs:

Enlisted Commissioning (ECP) Applied for Enrolled Enlisted Education Advancement Applied for Enrolled

SPONSOR INFORMATION: Active Duty Retired Military

Provide Date and Proof of SWO, ESWS or Cutterman Designation _____

Rank: _____ Firstname: _____ Lastname: _____ Branch: _____

Street: _____ Suite/Apt #: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Relationship to Applicant: _____ Membership No. _____ Year Joined SNA: _____

Sponsor Sea Service (Must have a total of three years to be eligible) Please list date served, name of ship and fleet - (i.e. Jan 84-Dec 87, USS GARCIA 1040, LANTFLT): _____

I hereby certify that all information on this application is true: _____
Signature of Applicant

Candidate Essay Question Guidance

The purpose of the essay (in about one page – approximately 500 words) is to evoke information from the candidate in whichever of the following areas (or combination of them) he or she thinks answers the basic question: “Why me? Why should I be selected to receive a SNA Scholarship?”

The topics below are just suggestions. You can write whatever you desire to answer the question “why me?.” We want to provide you an opportunity to communicate with the scholarship selection committee and provide us with information you think the selection committee should have to give you our fullest consideration.

We look forward to receiving your application by March 1.

Who you are?

- What is important to you?
- How did/does having your father, mother or spouse in the Navy affect your life?
- Was your father or mother deployed a significant portion of your life? Explain how this has impacted/influenced your life.
- If spouse is the sponsor, what are the pluses and minuses for you?
- Do both your parents work? What do they do?
- How did/do family finances affect your life?
- Did you have to work to earn money for your expenses or to help your family?
- How many high schools did you attend? Did changing high schools affect your participation in certain academic classes or extracurricular activities, including clubs or sports?
- Number of siblings? What number child are you in your family?
- Do you have other brothers or sisters currently attending college?
- What is your motivation to go to college
- Are you a “First Generation” college bound? What does this mean to your family?

Where you are going?

- What educational program/major do you hope to pursue in college? Why?
- Why do you want a college education?
- What do you want to do after you graduate?
- In what kind of career are you interested?
- Where do you think you will be ten years after graduation?

What you have done to get where you are?

- Academic successes (i.e.: Academic honors)
- Personal interests - extracurricular activities, clubs, sports, positions held, awards/recognition received
- Employment. Please list and explain what you did; hours per week.
- Volunteer & Community Service at home and work

These are only suggestions for you to consider when you think about providing the committee with your essay. You may want to address a number of them, or none at all. It’s your choice.

In any case, thank you for your hard work in school, in helping others, and in your family. We know that people who know you are proud of you. We’re sure that we would be too if we knew you just a little better. We hope your essay will help us do just that, know you a little better.