

NETC, Navy League Announce Alaska Sea Services Scholarship

PENSACOLA, Fla. – The Navy League and Naval Education and Training Command (NETC) announced the requirements and solicited applications for the Alaska Sea Services Scholarship for academic year 2019-2020, Oct. 17, according to the Navy News Service.

The program awards up to four \$1,000 scholarships annually for undergraduate education to dependent children and spouses of Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard personnel who legally claim Alaska as their state of residence.

“NETC is proud to once again team with the Navy League to support dependents of Alaskan members of our sea services through this scholarship,” said Dr. Cheral Cook, NETC advanced education coordinator. “This is an outstanding opportunity for eligible dependents to attain a scholarship that will help them begin or continue their educational goals.”

The scholarships are made possible by funds raised by Alaskan citizens for a war bond as a gift to USS Juneau (CL 52) during World War II. After the sinking of Juneau, the governor of the territory of Alaska and the secretary of the Navy agreed to keep the bond monies on deposit until an appropriate application could be found. In 1986, the Navy established the Alaska Sea Services fund.

“Alaskan citizens originally gathered these funds for the light cruiser USS Juneau; however, the ship was sunk at the Battle of Guadalcanal before the gift could be presented,” said Ryan Donaldson, Navy League senior vice president for business operations. “What better way to honor the memory of Juneau Sailors than by helping educate Alaska’s future?”

Applicants must be the dependent (child or spouse) of a legal resident of the state of Alaska who is, or was at the time of death/designation as missing-in-action, a Regular or Reserve U.S. Navy, Marine Corps or Coast Guard member on active duty, inactive duty or retired with or without pay.

“The Navy League will screen all applications and submit their recommendations to NETC to select the winners,” said Cook. “Selection will be based on academic proficiency, character, leadership ability, community involvement and financial need.”

Students must provide proof of 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 received by an individual during the pursuit of a four-year degree.

Applications are now being accepted and will close on March 1.

For additional information and a link to apply for the Alaska Sea Services Scholarship, visit www.navyleague.org/scholarship or contact either Navy League’s Ryan Donaldson at (703) 528-1775/(800) 356-5760/scholarships@navyleague.org, or Dr. Cheral Cook at (850) 452-3671/DSN 459/cheral.cook@navy.mil.