

USS PYRO Association **Educational Scholarship Program Guidelines**

Section 1: Establishment

The USS PYRO Association, (hereinafter known as the Association) has enacted the Educational Scholarship Program. It is funded by monies raised through the Association's Educational Scholarship Committee and other Association members from contributions, gifts, bequests, Association grants, and other sources. Assets of the Educational Scholarship Fund shall be held separately by the Association Treasurer and shall not be co-mingled with other Association funds. Withdrawals will be limited to awards.

Section 2: Eligibility

Applicants must be accepted or enrolled as full-time undergraduate students at an accredited college or university or as a full-time student at an accredited trade or technical school. Furthermore, their father, mother, aunt, uncle, grandfather, grandmother, great grandfather, or great grandmother, including step-parent and step-grandparent, shall have served honorably aboard the USS PYRO AE-1 or AE-24. If the relative of the candidate is deceased, evidence of his/her service on USS PYRO AE-1 or AE-24 must be submitted with the application. If the relative is living, he or she must be a current member of the USS PYRO Association. Previous recipients of the USS PYRO Association Educational Scholarship Program are eligible to participate in subsequent years.

Section 3: Educational Scholarship Committee

This Committee shall be responsible for raising funds for the scholarships with the help of the full membership of the Association, depositing such funds with the Association Treasurer, tracking the fund balance for awards, publicizing the Educational Scholarship Program to seek candidates, arranging for presentation of the scholarships, and performing other functions appropriate for such an administrative body.

Contributions to the Scholarship Fund will not be tax-deductible; however, it should be noted that the IRS allows gifts to veterans associations.

The Committee will be composed of no fewer than three members appointed by the Association President for terms of three years, beginning July 1 each year on a rotational basis. Initially, one of the original 3 members will rotate off (and be replaced with a new member) every year (having served only one or two years).

Thereafter, each member will be rotated off after 3 years on the Committee.

The Committee may recommend, to the full membership, awarding the scholarship in honor or in memory of a USS PYRO shipmate.

Section 4: USS PYRO Association Educational Scholarship Program Award Selection Process

The Educational Scholarship Committee shall be responsible for reviewing all submitted applications and prepare a list of qualified candidates prior to the Association's annual meeting. If a Committee member has a submitting relative, he or she shall be excused from the actual review process.

If more than one application is received, the Committee will select at least two finalists, taking into account a number of criteria, and present them to the Membership during the Annual Meeting. If funds permit and more than one application is submitted, the Committee, at their discretion, can recommend to the membership the granting of two scholarships. A ballot will be used to collect each member's vote and the finalist receiving the greatest number of votes will be announced at the Annual Rewards Dinner.

The finalist's applications, including academic achievements and their Association relative's history aboard the USS PYRO will be read and included in the next Scuttlebutt newsletter. (Any financial data provided by the candidates will be reviewed only by the Committee and will be held confidential.)

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Application Process

After carefully reviewing the enclosed Educational Scholarship Program Guidelines, please submit the following information on the forms provided or on 8-1/2" x 11" size paper. Make certain that your name or signature is on all attached sheets.

Include the following:

- Completed two-page Application
- Current Official Grade Transcript or, if not currently enrolled, most recent transcript. Photocopies are acceptable.

Applicants will agree to be interviewed electronically or by telephone, if requested by the Scholarship Committee.

The completed Application Package and grade transcript if mailed separately must be received by **April 10 of any given year**. Photocopies should be used wherever necessary, since application packages will not be returned. All applicants will be notified when the candidate selection is announced.

Please mail all materials (except grade transcript, where necessary) in one package, unfolded and unstapled, in a 9" x 12" (or larger) envelope to:

USS PYRO Association
C/o Douglas Wisher
1022 Winding Way
Covington, KY 41010

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Name _____ Birth Date _____

Home Address _____

Home Telephone _____ Cell Phone _____

Home E-mail _____

USS PYRO Relative _____ Relationship _____

Relative's USS PYRO Duty Period _____ Rating _____

Relative's History Aboard USS PYRO _____

I am currently a High School Senior Attending:

School _____

Address _____

School Telephone _____ GPA _____

Advisor/Counselor _____

Accepted & Enrolled College/University _____

I am currently a College Student attending:

College/University _____ Class Year _____

Address _____

Personal School Address _____

School Telephone Number _____ School E-mail _____

Current Major _____ GPA _____

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If necessary, use additional 8-½" x 11" paper to provide all appropriate information.

Scholastic Honors/Awards:

Extracurricular Activities:

Work Experience:

Financial Considerations

Please clarify on a separate sheet, any unique or special circumstances that you or your family believes will impact your ability to meet your college expenses. This information will be kept strictly confidential and will be reviewed and considered only by the Award Committee in their selection of the final candidate.

I verify that all the provided information is accurate.

Signature _____ Date _____