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From:   Commander, Naval Service Training Command
To:     NJROTC Area Managers
        NJROTC Units
        NNDCC Units

Subj:   2014-2015 NROTC SCHOLARSHIP GUIDANCE FOR NJROTC/NNDCC CADETS

Encl:   (1) NJROTC Cadet Nomination Form
        (2) Scholarship Timelines
        (3) SAT and ACT Testing Program information

1. The NROTC 4-year scholarship program is designed to train qualified young men and women for service as commissioned officers in the Navy. The NROTC Scholarship pays full tuition and educational fees at any of the NROTC affiliated colleges or universities, a monthly subsistence allowance, and will also provide a stipend for text books. The most accurate information is available at the NROTC web site<https://www.nrotc.navy.mil/>.

2. NJROTC/NNDCC cadets should include a letter of recommendation (LOR) from the SNSI/Lead NNDCCI with their application packages.  Enclosure (1) provides an outline of information that might be provided in this LOR.  NSTC OD has changed its requirements for officer interviews indicating that they prefer interviews by a Professor of Naval Science (PNS) at either the nearest or the first choice NROTC unit of the candidate.  Retired officer SNSIs are still authorized to conduct and complete the cadet applicant's officer interview; however, please not that if the instructor performs the officer interview, they may not complete the "other teacher" recommendation called for in the NROTC application package (this is not the same as the LOR referred to above).

3. Minimum college testing scores are SAT Critical Reading 530 Math 520; and, for the ACT English 22 and Math 21. Only tests taken fromDecember 2012 thru December 2014 will be considered for this year's NROTC scholarship selection. SAT/ACT Math and English/Critical Reading scores can be from two different tests; applicants can combine best Math with best English/Critical Reading scores to achieve qualifying scores. Web sites of interest for the SAT and ACT are:

<http://www.collegeboard.com/student/tes> ... nfees.html

<http://www.actstudent.org/regist/dates.html>

4. If you are unable to acquire an NROTC scholarship bulletin right away, here are some of the requirements to be aware of when advising your cadets to apply for the program:

    a. An applicant must have graduated from high school before August 1 of the year they intend to start college.

    b. Awards are based primarily on the level of the candidate's high school class standing, overall GPA, math and science grades, military potential, extracurricular activities, leadership qualities and college entrance test scores.

    c. The scholarship pays tuition, fees, provides a stipend for textbooks ($375/semester) and a subsistence allowance between $250 and $400 per month for a maximum of 40 academic months. See following link for details of NROTC scholarship details:  [www.nrotc.navy.mil/scholarships.aspx](http://www.nrotc.navy.mil/scholarships.aspx).

    d. Individuals will need to have additional funding each year to meet other expenses (e.g. room & board, health care, etc.) depending on the college and the student's individual needs. Other sources of financial assistance may be available depending on the college chosen for attendance.

    e. The latest date an applicant's electronic application can be accepted is 31 Jan 2015.

5. In addition to having the qualifying SAT/ACT scores, candidates wishing to qualify for an NROTC scholarship must pass a stringent physical examination. The physical qualification process is independent of the scholarship qualification process and will not begin until/unless the applicant is offered an NROTC scholarship. Applicants must receive a favorable response in the area of general physical requirements before receiving final acceptance for the NROTC Scholarship Program. The Department of Defense Medical Examination Review Board (DODMERB) schedules and reviews all physical examinations for NROTC scholarship recipients. Some of the more frequent potentially disqualifying physical conditions include variances from Navy requirements of visual acuity, defects in hearing, poor dental health, abnormal heartbeat, severe allergies, chronic skin conditions, asthma, and neuropsychiatric disorders. Alcohol or drug abuse is also cause for disqualification. NJROTC cadets should remember that a favorable response in both the scholarship qualification and the physical qualification is required for the award of an NROTC scholarship.

6. Other requirements that all applicants must meet include: (1) being a US citizen, (2) being 17 years old by September 30th of the year starting college, and less than 23 years old by 31 December 2014, (3) not reaching his/her 27th birthday by 31 December of the year of their graduation from college and commissioning, and (4) applying for and gaining admission to the NROTC college in which he/she intends to enroll. Note that it is the applicant's responsibility to gain admission to the selected host university. Selection as a scholarship winner does not connote automatic entry into the university.  Also new this year is a Candidate Fitness Assessment, directions for administration are included in the application.

7. When advising students to apply for the NROTC scholarship, please keep in mind the typical "profile" for those individuals who were selected for the 4-year NROTC scholarship this past year. This profile was: (1) the average combined SAT score was 1313; (2) the average SAT math score was 662; (3) the average SAT verbal score was 651; (4) 71% had special academic recognition; (5) 12% were Eagle Scouts; (6) 81% were varsity athletes; (7) 61% were ranked in the top 10% of their graduating class; and (8) 84% are in the top 20% of their graduating class.

8. NURSE CORPS NROTC SCHOLARSHIPS. The Navy also offers the Nurse Corps NROTC Scholarship Program. Four-year NROTC scholarships are available to cadets interested in pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing (BSN).  Upon graduation from the BSN program, midshipmen will be commissioned as officers in the Navy Nurse Corps. Nurse NROTC eligibility, academic and military training requirements, and selection procedures differ slightly from the regular program. Nurse Corps option students must meet NROTC age requirements, and their physical requirements will be consistent with restricted line accession standards. Nurse Corps option students are excused from NROTC program requirements for calculus, calculus-based physics, American military history/national security policy, naval ship systems, and navigation courses. Nurse Corps option students will participate in two summer cruise training evolutions. Selectees for the Nurse Corps will, in their sophomore year, acknowledge in writing that they will accept an appointment as a commissioned officer in the grade of Ensign, Nurse Corps, U.S. Naval Reserve, and incur a 4-year active duty obligation. SNSIs may submit a cadet nomination form in this scholarship category in the same way as for the regular 4-year scholarship.  Please counsel your cadets that the Nurse Scholarship availability is extremely limited and therefore very competitive.

9. Enclosures (2) and (3) provide several deadline and target dates for actions that must be taken for consideration of NROTC scholarship applications from NJROTC cadets.

10. There is an additional program that provides scholarships to students who will be attending one of the Minority Serving Institutions (MSI) where there is an NROTC unit (see the NROTC website for list). An applicant should have a minimum SAT score of 500 verbal and 500 math or ACT score of 21 math and 20 English. Again, scores may be mixed and matched from tests taken between December 2012 and December 2014. A Minority Serving Institution Scholarship Reservation (MSISR) also provides the same benefits as an NROTC national scholarship. Furthermore, although the application period for this year's national NROTC scholarship has a 31 Jan 2015 deadline, the application period for the MSISR remains open until the end of June 2015. NJROTC cadets who meet these criteria and who wish to apply for the MSISR'S must contact the Professor of Naval Science at the MSI they wish to attend for additional information and are also encouraged to contact the NSTC Candidate Guidance Office.  If the student's goal is to go to college paid for by the Navy and become a naval officer regardless of the college or university, then it is to the applicant's advantage to check the block for MSISR when completing the NROTC application.

11. Alternative Scholarship Reservations (ASR) information has been promulgated by separate correspondence from NSTC and Area Managers.

12. Instructors are directed to provide information and assist interested and eligible cadets to the maximum extent possible.

                       /s/
                J. D. SMITH
                By direction

**2014-2015 NAVY NROTC SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

**NJROTC CADET NOMINATION FORM**

Cadet's Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

(Last, first, middle initial)

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Courses/years in NJROTC by June 2015 (projected) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Unit Leadership Positions Held: Grade (9, 10, 11, 12)

 Commanding Officer \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 Executive Officer \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 Operations Officer \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 Supply Officer \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 Admin Officer \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 Other:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Completed Basic Leadership Training (yr)\_\_\_\_\_ Leadership Academy (yr)\_\_\_\_\_

SNSI Remarks (Please comment on degree of participation in unit activities, community service, academic capability, motivation toward a naval career, officer potential, personal character, military appearance and demeanor, etc. - Use additional sheet if necessary):

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SNSI Signature and Date

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Encl (1)

**NJROTC/NROTC Scholarship Timelines for the 2014-2015 Fall Term**

Oct 2014 - SNSIs contact local recruiting district to ensure cadets who have applied have

appeared on the applicant list.

06 Dec 2014 - Last day to take the SAT to ensure scores are received at Code 0656 by the 31

Dec 2014 deadline.

13 Dec 2014 - Last day to take the ACT to ensure scores are received at Code 0656 by the 31

Dec 2014 deadline.

31 Jan 2015 - Last day to file **Electronic Application Form from the NROTC website.**

15 Feb 2015 - Last date for recruiting district to mail cadet's completed applications to

 Commander, Navy Recruiting Command (Code N3123)

 Note: Both SAT and ACT also have earlier test dates refer to the attached SAT / ACT test date attachment.