Navy League of the United States

Central Florida Council

2026 Friends of the Navy Scholarship Program and Application Information

This application is for a one-time scholarship of $1000 - $2500 per award offered by the Central Florida Navy League (CFNL). The scholarship will be in the form of a check and must be used to defray costs associated with college attendance or pursuit of a professional technical certification. The check will only be issued to the recipient upon verification of college or vocational school acceptance. Applicants will be notified by phone and/or email and should ensure that they include an up-to-date contact number and email address.

Publicity

CFNL reserves the right to publish the names and images of scholarship winners. Scholarship winners are expected to provide recent photos of themselves for use in CFNL publicity materials, and may also be required to provide quotes, personal statements and essays, or other communications from scholarship winners to CFNL.

Winners of these scholarships will be announced NLT Monday, 11 May, and invited to attend a ceremony on Tuesday, 14 July in Orlando at the Central Florida Navy League Annual Membership Night (location to be announced), where they will be honored and receive their scholarships.

Part I: Eligibility

The Scholarship Committee will consider each completed application for all available scholarships. Incomplete applications will not be considered. To be eligible for a CFNL Scholarship, an applicant must:

- Be a United States citizen
- Meet at least one of the following criteria: (1) be a dependent of a Central Florida Navy League member, (2) have a Navy affiliation through having an immediate family member either (a) currently serving, or have previously served, in the Navy, or (b) serving as Department of the Navy civilian
- Reside in the Central Florida area.
- Complete final year of high school or equivalent from 2025-2026
- Enroll (or will enroll) as a full-time student working toward an Associate's or Baccalaureate degree at a two- or four-year accredited university or college or be working toward vocational/technical certification at an accredited institute in 2026

Part II: Application Submission Information

APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY 1700 ON FRIDAY, APRIL 3, 2026

Submissions shall be made by completing the **CFNL Friends of the Navy Scholarship Application Form**. Email submissions will not be accepted. NOTE: Applicants can go back and revise their responses at any time, until 1700 on 3 April.

Part III: Scholarship Selection Criteria

As part of its evaluation process, the CFNL Scholarship Committee will examine all categories of information provided below under Part IV, Application Information. Awardees and award values will be at the discretion of the Scholarship Committee based on the overall merit of the applicant as compared to other applicants in the candidate pool.

Part IV: Application Information

Applications are submitted using the CFNL Friends of the Navy Scholarship Application Form *and will not be accepted via email.* NOTE: Applicants can go back and revise their responses at any time, until 1700 on 3 April.

1. Demographic Information requested includes:
   - Name
   - Birth month and year
   - Street Address
   - City, State, Zip
   - Phone
   - Email
   - School
   - Graduation Date
   - Navy affiliation
   - Navy Affiliation Point of Contact (Name, phone, email)
   - GPA (indicate if weighted)
   - SAT/ACT Score(s)
   - Class Rank if available
   - Indication if you are the first in your family to attend college
2. List of extracurricular activities, including clubs and accomplishments
3. Community service activities and/or employment
4. Honors, awards, and recognitions
5. Personal Statement and Essay:
   a) Personal Statement of approximately 250 words: What did you learn about leadership from your affiliation with the Navy?
   b) 300-500 Word Essay on your community involvement, your career goals, and what "Honor, Courage and Commitment" mean to you.
6. Applicant signature and date beneath the following statement:
   "I certify that I am a citizen of the United States. I further certify that I expect to graduate from high school or will have received the equivalency of a high school diploma in 2026. The answers given in this application and in all attachments hereto are complete and correct to the best of my knowledge. If this grant is awarded to me, the proceeds will be used to defray educational expenses and expenses. I also certify that I have registered for the Selective Service or will do so when I become eligible."
7. ***REQUIRED LAST STEP:*** **UPLOAD SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION items 7a and 7b** to the following SharePoint Folder:

   Scholarship Supporting Docs

   or spelled out is:

   https://cfnavyleague-my.sharepoint.com/:f:/g/personal/evp_cfnavyleague_onmicrosoft_com/IgCADcGlXONLR4_c4qLWee1PAXd5HREVtSDTrisnq0PLGoc?e=Ns3Bcg

a. **Attachment 1 – Letter of Recommendation**: You must include at least one letter of recommendation, which should provide insight into both academic performance and character.
b. **Attachment 2 – High School Transcript**: A copy of your high school transcript must be included as part of the application. This need not be sealed.

If you have any questions, please contact Erica Haglund at enhaglund@gmail.com or 262-206-5796.