

Scholarship Foundation Announces 2014/2015 Awards

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The USAWOA Scholarship Foundation (USAWOASF) Selection Committee spent a long hard day working on Saturday, 21 June 2014, and completed review of the applications we received for scholarships this cycle. A total of 26 applications were received, all of which were reviewed and found valid. Of these, we are able to fund ten \$1,000 scholarships this year, based on the availability of funds.

I want to thank CW5 Joy Teagle and CW5 Janice Fontanez – both stalwart Members of the Arlington Hall Minuteman Chapter (President and Vice President, respectively) – for their yeomen's service in evaluating and scoring the applicants. This is not a simple task and it grows in complexity each year, as the submissions become more detailed.

Through the generosity of many folks this year, through direct contributions, we are able to provide several different scholarships. We are awarding the following \$1,000 scholarships: two CW4 (Ret) Allnatt Memorial Scholarships; two CW4 (Ret) Calabrese Memorial Scholarships; one COL Stanley Smith, Commandant, U.S. Army Warrant Officer Career College Scholarship; and five USAWOA Foundation Regular Scholarships; for a total of 10 scholarships. This year we unfortunately had no applications for the four-year Grantham University On-line Scholarship.

Last year we were able to fund 15 \$1,000 scholarships. The reduction in awards this year is a direct result of our losing the ability to participate in the Combined Federal Campaign (due to tightened standards that disqualify smaller charitable organizations such as the USAWOASF). We ask all Members who are looking for a worthy cause to donate to this year to consider making a donation to the USAWOASF. Now more than ever we need the support of our

generous Members to keep this worthy organization going! The foundation, its Board of Directors, and all applicants thank each of you for your contributions to this program.

The Allnatt Memorial Scholarship winners are:

Caitlin R. Rabuck, daughter of CW4 Guy M. Rabuck. Caitlin plans to attend the University of North Carolina at Pembroke, majoring in Physical Therapy.

Joshua C. Gautreaux, son of CW3 Michael J. Gautreaux. Joshua plans to attend Georgetown University, majoring in Economics and Law.

The CW4(R) Calabrese Memorial Scholarship winners are:

Tessie M. Robertson, daughter of CW3 (Ret) William L. Robertson. Tessie has not decided which prestigious institution she plans to attend yet, but plans to do so without immediately declaring a major.

Siobhan E. O'Donnell, daughter of CW4 (Ret) Terrance J. O'Donnell. Siobhan plans to attend San Antonio College, majoring in Kinesiology.

The COL Stanley Smith, Commandant, U.S. Army Warrant Officer Career College Scholarship winner is:

Erica A. Benoit, daughter of CW4 Cheryl Benoit. Erica plans to attend Hendrix College, with an undeclared major.

The USAWOA Foundation Scholarship winners are:

Shannon M. Draper, daughter of CW2 James F. Draper. Shannon plans to attend Central Michigan University, majoring in Psychology.

Katherine M. O'Brion, daughter of CW5 (Ret) Allen W. O'Brion. Katherine plans to attend Troy University, majoring in Nursing.

Olivia M. Miller, daughter of CW5 Leonora S. Miller. Olivia plans to attend the University of Iowa, majoring in Pharmaceutical Sciences.

Grace O. Dibble, daughter of CW2 James R. Dibble. Grace plans to attend Berry College, majoring in Biology and Pre-Medicine.

Sierra C. Fridelle, daughter of CW4 Anthony A. Fridelle. Amanda plans to attend the Raleigh School of Nurse Anesthesia, University of Alabama, majoring in Public Relations.