AFCEA Tidewater Chapter Scholarship Program Application

Purpose
To provide up to $1,000 scholarships to help reduce financial barriers for those with academic desires to pursue STEM careers that will enable students to further their academic educational goals.

Eligibility
Senior High School, College Students, and active duty military enlisted members (E-1 through E-6) with a minimum GPA of 3.5 and a demonstrated desire to major in any area of science, technology, engineering, or mathematics living within the geographic boundaries of Hampton, Poquoson, Smithfield, and those portions of Newport News and Yorktown on or south of Route 173 (Denbigh Boulevard) to the shores of all five cities.

Note: Nominees who are pursuing a degree in, or closely related to, one of the following STEM disciplines:

- Aeronautical and Astronautical Engineering
- Chemical Engineering
- Chemistry
- Civil Engineering
- Cognitive, Neural, and Behavioral Sciences
- Computer and Computational Sciences including Statistics and Accounting
- Electrical Engineering
- Geosciences
- Information Sciences
- Materials Science and Engineering
- Mathematics
- Mechanical Engineering
- Naval Architecture and Ocean Engineering
- Nuclear Engineering
- Oceanography
- Operations Research
- Physics
- Teaching in STEM areas

Mandatory Scholarship Package Contents
- Applicant Information
- Transcript(s)
- STEM Activities Experience
- Essay
  - Must be typed and submitted as a PDF document.
  - Must be Times New Roman font, 11-12 font size
  - Not more than 500 words
  - Include Title Page, References are not mandatory
**Applicant Information**
- Name
- Address
- Email
- Home Phone
- Mobile Phone
Provide following applicable information:
- Military Unit/Organization
- High School Name / Address / Graduation Year
- College School Name / Major
- Current Grade Point Average

**STEM Activities Experience**
List and describe any science, technology, engineering, or mathematics related activities in which you have participated such as fairs, hobbies, summer programs, internships, clubs or employment.
“Describe your experience working in or leading teams, either in your professional or personal life. Please include any specific challenges you've faced and how you overcame them”.

**Essay Topic**
A key element of the application is an essay of not more than 500 words describing your interests and experiences as they relate to science, technology, engineering, or mathematics. “Describe your experience working in or leading teams, either in your professional or personal life. Include any specific challenges you've faced and how you overcame them”.

**Application Deadline**
The online application period starts every year on 1 February with submission deadline of April 30th.

**Submit Application To**
MSgt Alvin S. Fua: alvin.fua@us.af.mil
* Winner will be voted on by the AFCEA Tidewater Chapter Board of Directors.

**Verification of Information and Permissions**
1. I hereby certify that information provided here is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. Furthermore, I authorize the AFCEA Tidewater Chapter to release the information contained within this application, including academic, personal, and biographical information, to the awarding committee and the agencies/donors providing funds for the award.
2. I understand that the AFCEA Tidewater Chapter must receive all applications and required documentation by the given application deadline.
3. I understand that I am not guaranteed a scholarship even though I may meet the criteria and have made every attempt to submit the required documentation.
4. Should I receive a scholarship, I give AFCEA Tidewater Chapter permission to use my name, any photograph, and writings provided to the organization to be used in any of its print and digital publication materials, reports, press releases, and activities associated with its scholarship programs.
5. I understand that any financial information I may have provided is, and shall remain, confidential.
Applicant
I certify that my essay is entirely my own effort. All funds received shall be applied toward tuition, books, and/or academic fees at a regionally accredited college or university.

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Applicant (Print) First & Last Name (If applicable, provide Rank/Unit)

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Signature
* Digital signatures are acceptable