

**USCG CHIEF PETTY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION
HAMPTON ROADS CHAPTER EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP
APPLICATION**

2023 ESSAY TOPIC

“Given current recruiting and retention shortfalls, what steps should the Coast Guard take to increase recruitment and retention?”

APPLICANT’S INFORMATION

Name (Last, First, MI): _____

Rank: _____

Complete mailing or home address:

Name and address of school presently attending:

Signature of Member: _____ Date: _____

Email completed applications and essays to the following email address NLT May 7th, 2023:
CPOAHamptonroadsscholarship@gmail.com.

GENERAL INFORMATION ON SCHOLARSHIP

The Hampton Roads Chapter of the Chief Petty Officer's Association has established an educational scholarship for Coast Guard Enlisted Members. The Scholarship shall be administered as follows:

1) Scholarship Amounts:

1st- \$1250

2nd- \$750

3rd- \$500

2) Eligibility Requirements:

a. All CG Enlisted members are eligible.

b. If not currently attending college member shall furnish a copy of a letter of acceptance from a college, university or vocational school you plan to attend. This must be submitted with your application.

c. If currently attending a college, university or vocational school, you must provide proof of enrollment with your application. Member shall be in good academic standing with the school with a GPA of 3.0.

3) Scholarship Timelines:

a. Scholarship Topic selected and published: February 10th

b. Applications Accepted: February 10th – May 7th

c. Applications Reviewed: May

d. Winner Announced: June

4) Essay Requirements:

a. Submitted essays shall not exceed 500 words and must state the essay topic on the top of the submission.

b. Must be accompanied by a complete application.

c. Essays must be original material and will be vetted through a plagiarism detection service. Plagiarism will result in removal from consideration.

- d. Essay topics will be determined annually by the Hampton Roads Chapter Scholarship Committee.

5) Judging:

- a. Essays will be judged by a panel of no less than 5 members. These members will be solicited and assigned by chapter leadership. Panel members shall be impartial and consist of CG Enlisted members.
- b. Essays will be judged based on style and content. Judges will look for essays that are clear, articulate and logically organized. Panel members will use a standardized scoring matrix for determining a winner.