

Press Release

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Navy League Foundation Announces 2019-2020 Scholarship Winners

Children of Sea Service Family Members Awarded a Total of \$55,000 for School Year

ARLINGTON, Va. — The Navy League Foundation, the Navy League’s premier program to support the children of the men and women of the sea services through scholarships, has announced its 2019-2020 scholarship award winners.

The recipients are selected through a rigorous application process, taking into account student academic achievement, aptitude test scores and essay response questions. The Alaska Sea Service Scholarship is managed by the Navy League Foundation and is chosen by the U.S. Navy. The remaining scholarship categories are selected via committee from the foundation. This year’s five winners rose to the top of out of the total of 212 applications received.

“These young men and women have all followed different paths to their achievements, but they all have one thing in common: They were instilled with the core values that come with being from a sea service family,” said Navy League Executive Director Mike Stevens. “Their background has supplied them with the tools to success, and each of them have risen to the occasion.”

Harold Wirth Scholarship

Jeromy Ray Fajardo graduated in June 2019 as a homeschool student and a dually enrolled community college student. A resident of Dundalk, Maryland, Jeromy has been a member of the U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps since 2014, where he’s served in numerous positions and won the Navy League Theodore Roosevelt Youth Medal for exceptional leadership characteristics and outstanding performance of duty in 2018. Jeromy’s community service has included volunteering with the American Legion and at Baltimore’s VA Hospital, among other endeavors. He plans to attend Villanova University in fall of 2019 and major in electrical engineering.



Jewell H. Bonner Scholarship

Logan Smith graduated from Northpoint Christian School in Southaven, Mississippi, as a member of the National Honor Society and the Mu Alpha Theta honor society. A baseball player who was selected to his high school's Hall of Fame, Logan hopes to pursue a career in physical therapy. He will attend Arkansas State University in the fall, majoring in exercise science on a pre-physical therapy track. After he obtains his undergraduate degree, he plans to attend the Arkansas State physical therapy school.



Rockwell Collins Scholarship

Madison Field is a graduate of West Lauderdale High School in Collinsville, Mississippi. Active in marching band and the Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA), Madison was recognized as a Mississippi Eminent Scholar for her ACT score, and she came in first place two years in a row in the state HOSA Biomedical Lab Science competition. She plans to attend Mississippi State University in the fall and major in software engineering.



Rear Adm. William Sullivan Scholarship

Aspen Dyer is graduate of Lincoln Academy in Newcastle, Maine. Winner of the school's Phi Beta Kappa award, she is an avid volunteer, who is a member of the Justice Project, an anti-human trafficking club; a pre-veterinary society, a pre-medicine society; service sorority Sigma Sigma Chi; the National Honor Society; and Interact, a service club associated with the Rotary Club. She plans to attend Davidson College in the fall, where she will study biology and neuroscience.



John J. Schiff Scholarship

Veronika Matysiak graduated from Maggie L. Walker Governor's School, a magnet school focused on government and international affairs. For the last seven years, she has been a member of the U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps, achieving the rank of chief petty officer. Additionally, she served as junior and senior class president, in addition to working part time and interning at the Richmond Commonwealth's Attorney's Office. Veronika will attend Georgetown University's Walsh School of Foreign Service and plans to major in international politics.

The Navy League Foundation also gave out a series of ongoing scholarships to continuing winners, in addition to the scholarships mentioned above.

For more information on the Navy League Foundation, including how to create a new scholarship, go to <https://www.navyleague.org/programs/scholarships>.

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About the Navy League Foundation

The Navy League Foundation is the premier program to support the children of the men and women of the sea services through scholarships. The Navy League Foundation exists through the generous donations that help defray the cost of college educations for the children of sea service families and the Sea Cadets.

About the Navy League of the United States

The Navy League of the United States, founded in 1902 with the support of President Theodore Roosevelt, is a nonprofit civilian, educational and advocacy organization that supports America's sea services: the Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard and U.S.-flag Merchant Marine. Through national and local programs, the Navy League of the United States provides a powerful voice to educate the public and Congress on the importance of our sea services to our nation's defense, well-being and economic prosperity. The Navy League provides support to our sea services personnel and their families and youth programs, such as the Naval Sea Cadet Corps, Junior ROTC and Young Marines, that expose young people to the values of our sea services. For more information, go to www.navyleague.org.