

EAGLE SCOUT SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

DEL-MAR-VA COUNCIL SCHOLARSHIPS

Pickard Educational Scholarship Fund

The Pickard Educational Scholarship Fund is awarded twice a year to Scouts to Del-Mar-Va Council scouts to help defray the cost of their post high school education. The scholarship is generated from the interest of a Pickard Trust Fund and donations to the council. The scholarships vary in amount up to \$1,000 and may only be used towards tuition, room and board. Deadline is May 30 for fall semester and November 30 for spring semester.

www.delmarvacouncil.org/openrosters/DocDownload.asp?orgkey=1515&id=59869

Robert W. Cook Eagle Scout Scholarship

The Robert W. Cook Eagle Scout Scholarship is awarded twice a year to Eagle Scouts to help defray the costs of their post high school education. This scholarship is generated from the Robert W. Cook Trust Fund and other donations to the council. The scholarships vary in amount up to \$1000 (or \$2000 for Tri-County residents) and may be used for Undergraduate, Graduate, Continuing Education (\$100 per course), Professional Education, or Trade School (up to \$500) courses. Deadline is May 30 for fall semester and November 30 for spring semester.

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CIVIC/MILITARY SCHOLARSHIPS

American Legion Eagle Scout of the Year

The American Legion awards a \$10,000 scholarship to its Eagle Scout of the Year and three second-place scholarships of \$2,500 each; awards may also be given at the department (state) level. Applicant must have received the Eagle Scout Award and the religious emblem awarded by his religious institution and must have demonstrated practical citizenship in church, school, Scouting, and the community. Applicant must be the son or grandson of an American Legion or American Legion Auxiliary member, or he must be a member of a Scouting unit chartered to a Legion post, an Auxiliary unit, or a Sons of the American Legion squadron. Deadline is March 1.

www.legion.org/documents/legion/pdf/eaglescounomform.pdf

Arthur M. & Berdena King Eagle Scout Scholarship

Presented by the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, this scholarship program is open to all Eagle Scouts who are currently registered in Scouting and have not reached their 19th birthday. Three national-level scholarships are awarded: \$8,000 (first place), \$4,000 (first runner-up), and \$2,000 (second runner-up); prizes may also be awarded at the state and local levels. The competition is typically entered at the chapter level, although it may be entered at the state level in some cases. Applicant must submit a 500-word patriotic essay and a four-generation ancestor chart; qualification for membership in the Sons of the American Revolution is not required. Contact your state scholarship chairman for specific deadlines.

www.sar.org/Youth/Eagle_Scout

Veterans of Foreign Wars Scout of the Year

This scholarship program is open to registered, active members of Boy Scout troops, Venturing crews, and Sea Scout ships. Applicant must have received the Eagle Scout Award, the Venturing Silver Award, or the Sea Scout Quartermaster Award and must have demonstrated practical citizenship in school, Scouting, and the community. Application must be submitted through a single, local VFW post. Deadline is March 1.

hwww.vfw.org/Community/Scout-of-the-Year-Scholarship

Washington Scholars Fellowship Program

The Admiral Carey Foundation has a special program focused on Eagle Scouts and their participation in the Washington Scholars Fellowship Program, in which recipients receive 10 weeks of training in Washington, D.C., to prepare them for careers working in national and international public policy and public-related service. Deadline is July 31 for fall semester, October 31 for winter/spring semester, and January 31 for summer semester.

www.washingtonscholars.org/apply.php

RELIGIOUS & INSTITUTION-SPECIFIC SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarships awarded by specific religions, colleges or universities can be found at www.nesa.org. Deadlines vary.

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NATIONAL EAGLE SCOUT ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIPS

Academic Scholarships

The first type of scholarship offered by NESA is the academic scholarship, which includes a varying number of \$3,000 NESA scholarships, and a varying number of \$2,500 Mabel and Lawrence S. Cooke scholarships. The Mabel and Lawrence S. Cooke scholarships are awarded annually and include four \$20,000 scholarships (payable at \$5,000 per year) and one \$48,000 scholarship (up to \$12,000 payable for four years), plus a varying number of others.

NESA offers two additional academic scholarships including one \$50,000 STEM scholarship (up to \$12,500 payable for four years) to an applicant who plans to major in a science, technology, engineering, or math field, and one \$25,000 United Health Foundation scholarship offered to an applicant who plans to pursue a career in the healthcare arena and is willing to reinvest his knowledge and skills in an underserved community.

NESA academic scholarship applicants must be Eagle Scouts graduating high school and entering college in the year for which they apply for a scholarship. Scholarships are awarded only to those who graduate from high school in the calendar year in which scholarships are presented. Exception: Scouts whose Eagle Scout boards of review are held the same year of their high school graduation may apply in that calendar year. They may receive a scholarship one time only.

Scholarship committees are formed each year in each of the four BSA regions (Northeast, Southern, Central, and Western) to recommend recipients of these scholarships, with the final determination made by the national NESA Scholarship Committee.

Deadline is December 31. Current year applications may be downloaded at www.nesa.org.

Merit Scholarships

The second type of national Eagle Scout scholarship is the Hall/McElwain Merit Scholarship. Each BSA region reviews applications and awards a varying number of these \$1,000 scholarships.

NESA merit scholarship applicants must be Eagle Scouts graduating high school or undergraduate college students no farther than completion of the junior year. Recipients may receive the scholarship one time only.

More than 5,000 NESA scholarship applications are received each year, and fewer than 150 are awarded, so the competition is stiff. Plans are being formulated to greatly increase the amount of funds available to award NESA Eagle Scout scholarships through future years.

Deadline is December 31. Current year applications may be downloaded at www.nesa.org.

