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NAVY-MARINE CORPS RELIEF SOCIETY

Education Assistance Program Instructions For Interest-free Loan or Grant for Academic Year 2014-2015

NMCRS Education Assistance Program:

- Interest free loans and grants range from \$500 to \$3,000 per academic year
- Amount to be provided to each applicant will be determined by NMCRS
- Funds are payable and provided to the student's academic institution, not the student
- Funds are to be used **only** for tuition, books, fees, room, and board
- Repayment of interest free loans must be by military payroll allotment within 24 months of the loan disbursement (repayment of interest free loans for MECEP/MECP must be within 48 months following receipt of a military commission)
- Repayment allotments must begin **September 1, 2014** (or the month following receipt of a military commission for MECEP/MECP students)
- Students must complete a new application for each academic year

Eligibility requirements - Applicants must:

- Be a child (under age 23 on May 1, 2014) of an active duty, retired or deceased Sailor or Marine
- Be a spouse of an active duty or retired Sailor or Marine
- Be enrolled, or planning to enroll, as a full-time student for the entire academic year (Aug-Jun) and pursuing initial undergraduate degree at a post-secondary, technical, or vocational institution that is:
 - Located in the United States
 - Accredited by a regional/national accrediting agency recognized by the U.S. Secretary of Education
 - A participant in the U.S. Department of Education Title IV Financial Aid Programs
- Agree to maintain 3.0 or better GPA on a 4.0 grade scale while receiving NMCRS financial assistance
- DEMONSTRATE FINANCIAL NEED

Application Process

Step 1: Complete and submit NMCRS 2014-2015 application below. Read instructions carefully!

Step 2: Submit official transcript(s) – to be provided by the educational institution with official stamp

- If the applicant is a rising college freshman (never attended college), send official high school transcripts through December 2013
- If the applicant is attending a college/university/vocational institution, send official transcripts of all college credit courses

Step 3: Submit supporting documents

- If the applicant is a child or spouse
 - of a retired Sailor or Marine, submit copy of retiree's DD-214
- If the applicant is a child of a deceased Sailor or Marine
 - submit copy of death certificate
- If the applicant is a child of a retired and deceased Sailor or Marine
 - Submit copy of DD-214 and death certificate

Step 4: Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

The FAFSA is available online at www.fafsa.ed.gov. Submit your completed FAFSA to the processing organization in the FAFSA instructions, **NOT to NMCRS**. Processing the FAFSA may take as long as six weeks, so plan accordingly.

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Step 5: Print and submit the Student Aid Report (SAR) portion of the FAFSA

- The SAR provides the Expected Family Contribution (EFC) number used to determine your need for financial assistance
- Once your FAFSA has been processed, download and print your 2014-2015 SAR
- The EFC number will appear at the top of the SAR. The SAR will not be accepted if the EFC number is left blank or filled with an *. If your FAFSA application is incomplete, your SAR will not include an EFC but will display text that specifies any issues needing resolution. You must resolve all issues before submitting the SAR to NMCRS.
- **COMPLETE SAR is required.** Applications with any missing pages, will not be accepted.

Step 6: Do you have the following documents?

- Application - completed and signed
- Official transcripts (may be sent separately from institution)
- Supporting documents (copy of DD-214 and/or death certificate)
- SAR

You are ready to submit your application!

All applications, transcripts and supporting documentation must be postmarked no later than May 1, 2014 and mailed to:

Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society
ATTN: Education Division
875 N Randolph St Suite 225
Arlington, VA 22203

Applications and supporting documents may be scanned (.pdf format) and emailed to education@nmcrs.org no later than May 1, 2014. All pages must be received complete and legible. Incomplete, cut off or illegible documents will not be processed or considered for assistance.

The Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society does not assume any responsibility for applications or supporting documentation received by email or postmarked after May 1, 2014. This includes items mailed to NMCRS with insufficient postage and subsequently returned to the applicant by the postal service. All correspondence from NMCRS to the student will be sent via email to the email address listed on the student's application. The Society does not assume any responsibility for emails to students which are not delivered due to change of email address. All changes to information originally submitted in the NMCRS Application for Educational Assistance, including changes to email or mailing addresses must be received in writing to education@nmcrs.org.

NOTIFICATION OF AWARDS: Award notifications will be made by email to the student and service member (or surviving parent) no later than June 30, 2014. Only applicants selected to receive an interest free loan or grant from the NMCRS Education Assistance Program will be notified.

For additional assistance, contact education@nmcrs.org or call (703) 696-4960 and leave a message. Your call will be returned at our earliest convenience.

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Education Assistance Program Application For Interest-free Loan or Grant for Academic Year 2014-2015

This is a FILL-IN format. Do not handwrite any data on this form - other than your signature. If you cannot complete or print this application electronically, contact us at (703) 696-4960.

STUDENT INFORMATION

I am a child of (check one):

- An active duty Sailor or Marine
- A retired Sailor or Marine
- A deceased Sailor or Marine who died on active duty
- A deceased Sailor or Marine who died after retirement
- An active duty or retired USN or USMC diver **and** I am enrolled in a full-time program of study in Oceanography, Ocean Agriculture or Aquaculture

I am a spouse of (check one):

- An active duty Sailor or Marine
- A retired Sailor or Marine
- A combat-wounded Sailor or Marine **and** pursuing a degree in education or a medical-related field
- An active duty or retired USN or USMC diver **and** I am enrolled in a full-time program of study in Oceanography, Ocean Agriculture or Aquaculture

I am an active duty Marine or Sailor enrolled in one of the following commissioning programs:

- Marine Enlisted Commissioning Education Program (MECEP)
- Medical Enlisted Commissioning Program (MECP)

I am a:

- Combat-wounded Sailor or Marine pursuing a degree in education or a medical-related field
- Active duty or retired USN or USMC diver enrolled in a program for advance diver training, certification or license

Student Information

Name (Last, First, Middle Initial): _____

SSN: _____

Date of Birth: _____

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Mailing Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Email: _____ Cell phone #: _____

(For notification of education assistance and all communications from NMCRS)

I am/will be a full-time student (12 credits or more) and enrolled/registered at (or planning to enroll/register) at:

(College/University/Vocational Institution)

Degree seeking: ("undeclared" if unknown): _____

For the 2014-2015 academic year, I will be a: ____ (Freshman, Sophomore, Junior, Senior)

Estimated college graduation date (MM/YY): _____

Student Certification: I am/will be a full-time undergraduate student attending an accredited educational institution in the United States. The information above and documentation attached is complete and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that falsification of information or failure to provide the required documentation may result in the revocation of any NMCRS educational assistance (loan or grant) awarded.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

SPONSOR/SERVICE MEMBER/VETERAN INFORMATION:

Name (Last, First, Middle Initial): _____

- Active Duty - Date of EOS _____
- Retired - Date of Retirement _____
- Veteran – Dates of Service _____
- Deceased - Date of Death _____

SSN: _____ Branch of Service: USN USMC Rank: _____ Pay Grade: _____

Mailing Address: _____
(If service member is deceased, provide surviving parent information)

City/State/Zip: _____

Email: _____ Cell phone #: _____

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Sponsor/Service Member Certification (or surviving parent if deceased):

The student identified on this application is my dependent. The above information is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand that falsification of information or failure to provide documentation may result in the revocation of any NMCRS educational assistance (loan or grant) awarded. (If spouse is signing for deployed service member, a copy of the Power of Attorney must be attached.)

Signature: _____

Date: _____

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