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From: Commander, Naval Service Training Command

Subj: CYBER OPTION SCHOLARSHIP RESERVATIONS

Ref: (a) DCNO (MPT&E) Memorandum for the Record dated
19 Mar 10
(b) NSTCINST 1533.3A
(c) ASN (M&RA) Memo of 15 Jan 10

1. Purpose. To provide procedural guidance for granting Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps (NROTC) Cyber Option Scholarship Reservations (COSR).

2. Background. Per reference (a), Chief of Naval Operations approved the establishment of an NROTC Navy Option Scholarship specifically for high school and college students who excel at the United States Cyber Warfare Challenge competitions or similar competitions.

3. Roles and Responsibilities

a. Deputy Chief of Naval Operations (DCNO) Manpower, Personnel, Training and Education (MPT&E) provides production guidance, establishes requirements for NROTC commissioned officers, provides necessary resources, and creates initial communication with the United States Cyber Challenge and similar competitions.

b. Navy Personnel Command, in coordination with the Cyber Warfare Type Commander, will develop the prescreening COSR eligibility criteria.

c. Navy Recruiting Command (NRC) nominates applicants for NROTC COSRs, and, in coordination with Naval Service Training Command (NSTC), provides a one-page flyer for electronic forwarding to congratulate and inform prescreened cyber

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challenge competitors of their opportunity to apply for a NROTC COSR.

d. NSTC will establish COSR production and execution models. NSTC will coordinate with Commander, Navy Recruiting Command and Commanding General, Marine Corps Recruiting Command to provide information and guidance related the COSR program.

e. NSTC Officer Development (OD) shall ensure the NSTC draft of the NROTC Continuous National Selection Board (CNSB) Precept and Guidance includes direction stating that no fewer than five freshmen Navy Option scholarships are assigned as Cyber Option scholarship midshipmen to achieve out-year production requirements.

f. During CNSBs, NSTC OD will validate NRC COSR nominees and will forward the recommendations to the approval authority delineated in the current CNSB Precept and Guidance.

g. NSTC OD will direct student placement, monitor Cyber Option students' academic and military performance, enforce midshipmen contract agreements, and track applicant metrics and Cyber Option scholarship midshipmen trends.

4. Requirements

a. Annually, NRC shall provide NSTC a minimum of 10 COSR applicants for review and validation by the CNSB.

b. Annually, upon completion of the 2013-2014 school year, NSTC shall commission no less than three NROTC Cyber Option officer accessions for assignment as restricted line officers serving as cyber warfare engineers or information warfare officers.

5. Ineligibility. STA-21, Nurse Corps Option, Marine Corps Option, and sophomore, junior, and senior College Program midshipmen are not eligible for Cyber Option scholarships.

6. Eligibility

a. Be a high school senior or first year college student, including Freshman College Program midshipmen;

b. Individually place in the top 20 percent at one of the United States Cyber Challenge competitions or similar

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competitions, as defined by the Cyber Warfare Type Commander, in their junior year of high school or later;

c. If in high school, take either the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) or American College Test (ACT) for placement and academic advising by the NSTC Candidate Guidance Office (CGO). Students must take the ACT or SAT in time to permit use of the test results in the college admission process. NSTC will not use ACT or SAT results as selection criteria for a COSR;

d. If in high school, must meet one of the following three criteria:

(1) Maintain a 3.0 Grade Point Average (GPA) or higher (weighted on a 4.0 scale); or

(2) Rank in the top 40% of graduating class; or

(3) Complete the following acceptable courses with a grade of "C" or better (1 unit = one academic year of study):

a. 4 units of English

b. 3 units of Mathematics

c. 3 units of Natural Sciences

d. 2 units of Social Sciences

(4) Acceptable courses include:

a. Mathematics: Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II, Trigonometry, Calculus or other mathematics courses that require successful completion of Algebra I as a prerequisite.

b. Natural Sciences: Anatomy, Biotechnology, Botany, Earth Science, Environmental Science, Health, Physical Science, Physiology, Astronomy, Biochemistry, Biology, Chemistry, Marine Science, Oceanography, Zoology, or Physics.

c. Social Sciences: Anthropology, Civics, Economics, Geography, Government, History, Human Geography, Psychology, or Sociology.

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e. If in college, must complete at least one but not more than four academic terms, totaling less than one year, of

college course work with a cumulative GPA of 2.75 and a grade of "C" or better in all courses attempted. The college transcript must validate completion of one academic term of college level math or science and the potential for successful completion of all the NROTC academic requirements.

f. Agree to enroll as a midshipman in the Navy option of the NROTC Program;

g. During the application process, apply to National Security Agency (NSA) Centers of Academic Excellence affiliated with NROTC, listed at https://www.nrotc.navy.mil/nsa_list.aspx. Individuals awarded a Cyber Option scholarship must take all of their classes at their assigned NSA Center of Academic Excellence affiliated with NROTC. NSTC OD Student Operations (OD4) will consider student requests to take any classes, except Naval Science courses, elsewhere on a case-by-case basis, and students must obtain prior written approval from NSTC OD4 prior to enrollment.

7. Scholarship Recruiting and Application

a. NRC will be the prescreening executor and act as the nominating authority for COSRs. Navy Recruiting District commanding officers will interview candidates, and NROTC coordinators will be available to assist COSR candidates to complete an NROTC application.

b. NSTC N4/6 will promote Cyber Option scholarships and display Cyber Option participant requirements on NROTC program websites and publications. Posted information will stipulate that NSTC OD will activate the scholarship only when the student satisfactorily develops a degree plan with the university and host NROTC unit and also only after enrollment in a cyber-related Tier 1 or Tier 2 academic major listed in reference (b).

c. The web-based NROTC national scholarship application will require applicants to indicate that the Navy has nominated them for a COSR and will list the applicant as a Cyber Option applicant. NSTC OD will use this fundamental information in selection of those applying to Cyber Option scholarships and placement at NSA Center of Academic Excellence Schools affiliated with NROTC.

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8. Scholarship Selection. NSTC OD will screen the 10 COSR applicants provided by NRC and present their completed packages to the CNSB for final validation. Based on historical NROTC scholarship take rates, no fewer than five applicants will accept the scholarship, report to their assigned college or university, and enroll as midshipmen. NSTC plans to access no fewer than three Cyber Option officers annually.

a. NRC will conditionally qualify nominees for a COSR and inform the candidates that the Navy will review the nomination.

b. NSTC will ensure the CNSB selects incoming Cyber Option scholarship freshmen that meet the eligibility criteria previously listed in paragraph (6).

c. Selection notifications shall state that scholarship activation is contingent upon selectee's enrollment in a NSA Center of Academic Excellence School affiliated with NROTC and upon enrollment in a cyber-related Tier 1 or Tier 2 academic major listed in reference (b).

d. NSTC CGO will be available to assist COSR selectees in obtaining admission to NSA Center of Academic Excellence Schools affiliated with an NROTC unit.

e. NROTC units will document the approved degree plan in the automated record (Officer Personnel Management Information System (OPMIS)) and the midshipman student file and include the degree plan in the scholarship service agreement.

9. Cyber Option or School Transfer Requests. Midshipmen who desire to depart the NROTC Cyber Option or who desire to transfer from an NSA Academic Center of Excellence School during the freshman, sophomore or junior year (program policy defines these college years as the first through third years of Naval Science), the following applies:

a. Cyber Option Transfer Requests. For Cyber Option midshipmen who request to transfer from the Cyber Option, NSTC OD will convene a panel from a slate approved by CNSTC, as required, to review midshipmen requests. Panels will consist of no fewer than three officers or federal civilians and will include representation from three of the following NSTC OD departments: Nuclear Programs, Professional Development, Selection and Placement, Unit Operations, and Student Operations. NSTC OD Professional Development will chair the panel. NSTC will attempt to place the midshipmen as a regular

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Navy Option scholarship student, but if unavailable, the panel will consider the midshipman for transfer to the College Program, Nurse Corps Program, or Marine Corps Program. NSTC OD will forward all Cyber Option Transfer Request recommendations to CNSTC for final approval.

b. The midshipman must submit an NROTC scholarship option change request package for initial evaluation by the NROTC unit staff and final review by a panel. The midshipman package must include reasons for the desired change, copies of transcripts, and existing and proposed degree plans.

c. The midshipman must submit change requests to the PNS a minimum of one term in advance of the desired change to facilitate its approval before the midshipman executes a new scholarship option.

d. The NROTC unit staff will review the change request package and the Professor of Naval Science (PNS) will forward the package with endorsement to the panel for evaluation. Endorsements must include comments related to the reasons for the NROTC scholarship option change and applicant performance (e.g., character, academic performance and course load, aptitude, etc.).

e. NSTC OD shall forward the panel results to CNSTC for review. Once approved/disapproved, CNSTC will return the results to the PNS for appropriate action.

f. School Transfer Requests. For Cyber Option scholarship midshipmen who transfer from their NSA Center of Academic Excellence School, NSTC OD will work with them to find another NSA Center of Academic Excellence School affiliated with NROTC. If the midshipman is unable to select another NSA Center of Academic Excellence School affiliated with NROTC that meets his or her needs, NSTC OD will work with Fleet Cyber Command (FCC) to find an NROTC unit that meets FCC academic requirements.

g. If a midshipman adds terms beyond four years by changing NROTC scholarship options or transferring to another unit, the midshipman will incur the additional costs or gain additional financial assistance per reference (c).

8. Points of Contact

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a. For additional information or clarification regarding this notice, contact the NSTC Business Management Office at (847) 688-7600, ext 203.

b. For additional information or clarification regarding the NROTC scholarship programs, contact NSTC OD2 at (850) 452-9437.

9. Forms. To obtain NROTC-related NSTC Forms, visit the NSTC home page at <http://www1.netc.navy.mil/nstc/notices.asp>, contact NSTC Flag Administrative Office at (847) 688-4510, or contact via electronic mail nstc_admin@navy.mil.



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