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NSTC INSTRUCTION 1533.9A

From: Commander, Naval Service Training Command

Subj: ALTERNATIVE SCHOLARSHIP RESERVATIONS

Ref: (a) NSTCINST 1533.3A

(b) NSTCINST 1550.1D

Encl: (1) [NSTC 1533 106 \(Rev. 9-12\) - NROTC 4-Year ASR Form](#)

1. Purpose. To provide procedural guidance for granting Naval Reserve Officers' Training Corps (NROTC) Alternative Scholarship Reservations (ASRs), establishing a more inclusive scholarship process.

2. Cancellation. NSTCINST 1533.9.

3. Background

a. Each academic year, Navy Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps (NJROTC) Area Managers may nominate individuals who are interested in attending an NROTC-affiliated institution for ASR scholarships.

b. NJROTC Area Managers play a vital role as a bridge between our nation's high schools and Navy community.

c. The ASR process is an additive effort to the Continuous National Selection Board (CNSB), Immediate Scholarship Reservation, Officer Development (OD) Controlled Scholarship, Tweeddale Scholarship, Leadership Scholarship, and Minority Serving Institution Scholarship Reservation processes, allowing Naval Service Training Command (NSTC) to recruit and educate a year-group of officers that best reflect the projected future needs of the Navy.

d. NSTC understands that a student's Grade Point Average (GPA) and performance on standardized tests are important, however they are not always the best predictors of a student's potential to become a successful Naval Officer.

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NSTC seeks individuals who have demonstrated leadership, integrity, and character, using the following factors:

(1) Leadership and participation in a variety of school, extracurricular, community or similar activities, particularly those with a charitable or public service purpose;

(2) Receipt of civic or similar awards;

(3) A history of overcoming personal adversity or the presence of other compelling factors, indicating that the student has a desire to succeed and the ability to overcome barriers; and

(4) Being regarded as a role model by the teachers and peers at their high school.

e. Not all the above factors need be present. The intent is to provide additional opportunities to all who, for any of the above or similar reasons, demonstrate potential for future success as a Naval Officer.

4. Eligibility. Applicants must apply for Navy Option only. Applicants may be of any gender, race, or ethnic background and must meet all of the following requirements:

a. Be a citizen or national of the United States;

b. Be a high school senior;

c. Be at least 17 but not greater than 23 years of age prior to the beginning of the college academic year of intended enrollment;

d. Maintain a GPA 3.0 or higher (weighted 4.0 scale) or rank in the top 40% of graduating class;

e. Agree to enroll in the Navy option of the NROTC Program;

f. Complete the ASR Form, enclosure (1);

g. Take either the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) or American College Test (ACT). Applicants must obtain a minimum score of 520 Math and 530 Critical Reading on the SAT or a 21 Math and 22 English on the ACT. Test results will also be used by the NSTC Candidate Guidance Officer (CGO) to advise applicants on the college or program to which they should seek

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admission. Applicants must submit ACT or SAT scores to NSTC no later than the last working day of November in the academic year prior to the first college academic year for which they seek a scholarship to permit use of the results in the college admission process;

h. Complete an NROTC National Four-Year Scholarship web application no later than the last working day of November in the academic year prior to the first college academic year for which they seek a scholarship;

i. Successfully complete all of the following coursework (1 unit = one academic year of study):

(1) 4 units of English.

(2) 4 units of Mathematics. Acceptable courses include Algebra I, Algebra II, Calculus, Geometry, Trigonometry, or other mathematics courses that require successful completion of Algebra I as a prerequisite.

(3) 3 units of Natural Sciences: Acceptable courses include Anatomy, Astronomy, Biochemistry, Biology, Biotechnology, Botany, Chemistry, Earth Science, Environmental Science, Health, Marine Science, Oceanography, Physical Science, Physics, Physiology, or Zoology.

(4) 2 units of Social Sciences. Acceptable courses include Anthropology, Civics, Economics, Geography, Government, History, Human Geography, Psychology, or Sociology.

5. Requirements

a. Each fiscal year, Commander NSTC allocates 10 ASRs to each NJROTC Area Manager for a total of 110 ASR reservations to be included in the total NROTC academic year scholarship offers.

b. NJROTC Area Managers must offer no fewer than 10 ASRs to qualified students who have already completed the NROTC web application and meet eligibility criteria. Area Managers will assess each applicant by completing ASR Form (1533/106). Area Managers will evaluate an applicant's ability to meet Technical and Language, Regional Expertise, and Culture academic major requirements per references (a) and (b) when reviewing applications. Area Managers must forward no fewer than 10 ASRs to NSTC OD by the third Tuesday of December.

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c. NSTC OD shall present completed ASR packages to the CNSB. CNSB will then evaluate each package to ensure applicants meet all criteria and have no disqualifying factors.

d. Final approval authority of board results will be determined by the current CNSB Precept and Guidance.

6. Post-Selection Action

a. Following final approval of the board results, NSTC OD2 will send a formal letter announcing an applicant's selection for an ASR to the applicant. The letter will state that the award of the scholarship is contingent upon meeting all requirements, including full medical qualification. Notification of applicant selection to the sponsor Area Manager will be done via email to NSTC CD. The Area Manager will not award the scholarship until after receiving OD authorization.

b. Upon final approval of board results, NSTC OD2 staff will enter each selectee's personal data into the Officer Program Management Information System (OPMIS) student files.

c. The Department of Defense Medical Examination Review Board (DoDMERB) must find selectees physically and medically qualified for the NROTC program before the ASR is awarded. NROTC NSTC OD2 will enter all selectees into the DoDMERB system via the Selection/Placement portion of OPMIS. The selectee must complete the DoDMERB physical examination on the earliest possible date. The purpose of the physical examination is to determine whether a medical or physical condition exists that may disqualify the selectee from service as a Naval Officer upon graduation from college. Upon completion of the physical and medical determination, DoDMERB will notify the selectee and NSTC OD of the selectee's status.

d. ASR selectees require authorization for travel letters. The Professor of Naval Science (PNS) will notify the NROTC Placement Office when the selectee is physically qualified or receives a medical waiver.

e. The PNS will appoint the selectees as midshipmen and ensure subsistence payments commence on the date that DoDMERB documents that the selectee is physically qualified or waived. Scholarships pay the cost of tuition and mandatory fees, \$375 per semester for books, and the monthly stipend for each academic month (amount based on academic year).

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f. ASR selectees must register for all classes at their assigned NROTC unit. Selectees must obtain prior written approval from NSTC OD Student Operations to take any classes (except for Naval Science courses) elsewhere. NSTC OD will consider all such requests on a case-by-case basis.

g. Once the CNSB identifies and notifies selectees that they have been accepted for an ASR, the NSTC CGO shall assist selectees with choosing colleges and universities that best match selectees' academic abilities.

7. Points of Contact

a. For additional information or clarification regarding this instruction, contact 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.

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

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