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NSTC INSTRUCTION 1533.9D

From: Commander, Naval Service Training Command

Subj: ALTERNATIVE SCHOLARSHIP RESERVATIONS

Ref: (a) NSTCINST M-1533.2

Encl: (1) NSTC 1533/106 (Rev. 06-16) - NROTC 4-Year ASR Form

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

2. Cancellation. NSTCINST 1533.9C.

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 the Navy community.

c. The ASR process is an additive effort to the Continuous National Selection Board (CNSB), Immediate Scholarship Reservation, the NROTC 2-and-3 Year 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 reflects 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. 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. Nominees must apply for Navy Option only. Nominees may be of any gender, race, or ethnic background and must meet all of the following requirements:

a. Be a United States (U.S.) citizen or be in the process of obtaining U.S. citizenship;

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. Complete the ASR Form, enclosure (1);

e. Take either the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) or American College Test (ACT). Nominees must obtain a minimum score of 540 Math and 550 Critical Reading (CR)/Evidenced Based Reading and Writing (EBRW) and a combined (Math plus CR/EBRW) of 1200 on the SAT or a 21 Math and 22 English and a combined (Math plus English) of 47 on the ACT. Test results will also be used by the NSTC Candidate Guidance Officer (CGO) to advise nominees on the college or program to which they should seek admission. Nominees may submit updated ACT or SAT scores to NSTC until the on-line application window closes, which is 31 January each year; and

f. Complete an NROTC National Scholarship web application no later than the 31st of January for the year for which they seek a scholarship;

5. Requirements

a. Each fiscal year, Commander, NSTC allocates ASRs to each NJROTC Area Manager per yearly NSTCNOTE 1533. The ASRs are included in the total NROTC academic year scholarship offers.

b. NJROTC Senior Naval Science Instructors (SNIs) will nominate all qualified students who intend to submit an NROTC web application and meet eligibility criteria by completing ASR Form (1533/106) and forwarding it to their Area Manager.

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c. NJROTC Area Managers will assess the ASR Form (1533/106) and nominate all qualified and eligible students to NSTC Citizenship Development (CD). Area Managers may rank their nominees and will forward all nominations to NSTC CD by the third Friday of January.

d. Once the ASR nomination has been received from the NJROTC Unit, the application will continue to be considered by the National board until the ASR board is convened. If the application is designated as a select by the National board the ASR nomination will be removed from the application and the selection will not be counted as an ASR select from that NJROTC Area. Once the ASR board is convened, the ASR nomination will no longer be considered by the National board and will only be considered by the ASR board.

e. Each NJROTC Area will be given a maximum number of scholarships. The cap will be an even distribution of available ASR scholarships per NJROTC Area. ASR scholarships may not be moved between areas.

f. Nominees will compete for available scholarships against nominees from the same area.

g. If an NJROTC Area submits fewer nominees than their associated cap, the remaining scholarships will be returned to the overall NROTC scholarship pool.

h. NSTC CD will compile all the nominations and provide the ASR Form (1533/106) to NSTC Officer Development (OD).

i. NSTC OD will evaluate each package to ensure nominees meet all criteria and have no disqualifying factors and shall present the completed ASR form and the nominee's NROTC National Scholarship application to the CNSB for consideration.

j. The ASR selection board CNSB will evaluate each eligible nominee using the current CNSB ASR selection board precept.

k. Final approval authority of board results will be determined by the current ASR Precept.

6. Post-Selection Action

a. Following final approval of the board results, NSTC OD2 will send a formal letter announcing ASR selection to the nominees. The letters will state that the award of the scholarship is contingent upon meeting all requirements, including full medical qualification. Notification of the nominees' selection to the Area Managers will be done via email. NSTC CD. Area Managers will not award the scholarships until they receive OD authorization.

b. Upon final approval of board results, NSTC OD2 staff will enter selectees' 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

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awarded. NROTC NSTC OD2 will enter all selectees into the DoDMERB system via the Selection/Placement portion of OPMIS. The selectees must complete their DoDMERB physical examination on the earliest possible date. The purpose of the physical examination is to determine whether medical or physical conditions exist that may disqualify the selectees from service as a Naval officer upon graduation from college. Upon completion of the physical and medical determination, DoDMERB will notify the selectees and NSTC OD of each selectee's status.

d. ASR selectees require authorization for travel letters. Professors of Naval Science (PNSs) will notify the NROTC Placement Office when the selectees are physically qualified or receive 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 selectees are 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 the student's academic year in college) .

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 may advise selectees which colleges and universities choices that best match the selectees' academic abilities.



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