



COAST GUARD HELICOPTER RESCUE SWIMMER ASSOCIATION

The Pete Leeman Scholarship is offered by the USCG Helicopter Rescue Swimmer Association and provides career-minded individuals with financial assistance to develop professionally and to serve in fields that benefit others in society.

This scholarship is designated to fund college and technical school scholarships for children of active duty or retired USCG Helicopter Rescue Swimmers or USCG fixed and rotor wing aircrew. This scholarship is developed to assist students in university, college, or training center environments.

Guidelines for the CGHRSA Pete Leeman Scholarship

To apply for this scholarship, candidate must:

1. Be a full-time undergraduate or graduate student currently attending a 2 or 4 -year college, university, or be a full or part time student at an accredited technical school or facility.
2. Be 18-years of age or older by April 22, 2026.
3. Have a current grade point average of 3.0 or better (on a 4.0 scale).
4. Have verifiable volunteer service experience within the past 2 years.
5. Applicant must be a child/dependent of an active duty or retired USCG Helicopter Rescue Swimmer, or a child/dependent of other fixed or rotor wing Coast Guard enlisted aircrew.
6. Complete an application and include a well thought out one-page essay explaining how you envision your career path will be enhanced by your education and training, and how you will be better capable of service to others.
7. Students may apply for consecutive scholarship awards and will be considered if a second awardee is not chosen.

The CGHRSA Scholarship Fund Committee will select the scholarship winners.

- Two \$2000.00 scholarships will be available each year.
- One scholarship will be designated for a full or part time student at an accredited technical school or facility.
- One scholarship will be designated for a full-time student at a secular or non-secular university, college.

**COAST GUARD HELICOPTER RESCUE SWIMMER ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP FUND
APPLICATION FORM**

Date: _____

Name of Student: _____

Name/Rank of parent USCG Helicopter Rescue Swimmer/Aircrew _____

Parent RS Number # _____ (if applicable)

Address: _____ City _____ State: _____ Zip Code _____

Phone: (____) _____ Birth Date: _____ GPA: _____

Personal e-mail: _____

Undergraduate (Status): _____ Graduate student

Select One: Freshman___ Sophomore___ Junior___ Senior___

Field of Study/Field of Technical Training: _____

Anticipated Date of Graduation? _____

List awards and/or scholarships you have received.

List all volunteer service experiences over the past two years.

(include name of organization and phone number)

Describe your membership and/or leadership experience in campus or volunteer organizations.

On separate sheet(s) of paper please answer the following questions:

1. How would this scholarship help you attain your educational and professional goals?
2. Tell us where you believe service to others falls in your overall plans after your graduation.
3. Describe one accomplishment in your previous volunteer activities that demonstrates your leadership ability.

Please attach the following items to this application form:

1. Two letters of reference (one from a volunteer experience).
2. The one-page essay explaining how you envision your education/training will serve to benefit others after graduation.
3. An official school transcript or acceptance letter.

For consideration, please return the completed application by June 30th to:

CGHRSA Scholarship Coordinator/Rick McElrath

207 Binnacle Ct. Elizabeth City NC. 27909ATTN: Rick McElrath

(Applicant Signature)

No committee member of the CGHRSA Scholarship Fund Committee, or his or her immediate family, shall be eligible for scholarship assistance during his or her tenure on the Scholarship Fund Committee. No member of the CGHRSA Board of Directors, or his or her immediate family, shall be eligible for scholarship assistance during his or her tenure. The Silver Fin Scholarship Fund Committee retains the right to withhold scholarship grants in any year if no candidate is determined to be qualified.

The CGHRSA Scholarship Committee shall notify the chosen scholarship recipient(s) of its decision. The scholarship payment will be made after The CGHRSA's June Board Meeting and after the selected student notifies the Association about the school (s)he will be attending. All scholarship checks will be made payable to the university, college or technical training school in the student's name.

Incomplete applications will not be considered.