



Sisters Under Sail

Daughters of U.S. and Canadian Military Application Form 2013

Daughters of U.S. and Canadian Military, ages 13 – 18, have been invited to sail with Sisters Under Sail aboard Tall Ship Unicorn this summer to honor their parents' service for our countries. *Sisters Under Sail*, a non-profit organization dedicated to teaching teen girls leadership skills and life lessons through sail training, is the only all-female crewed tall ship in the world. *Sisters Under Sail* and its sponsorship partners will award 6 U.S. and 6 Canadian scholarships to eligible teens for a 2-week passage and the adventure of a lifetime.

This scholarship opportunity, valued at \$2,320, is available to daughters of U.S. Military and Canadian Forces families between the ages of 13 – 18 with the follow parameters:

- For purposes of this scholarship, 'Daughter of Military' is defined as a female child who is an enrolled dependent in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS) or the Canadian equivalent and whose sponsor is either Active Duty, Active Status or Fallen Warrior, including the National Guard, Reservists and Coast Guard.
- Preference will be awarded to Gold Star families and those deployed during the time of application
- Preference will be awarded to those whose sponsors pay grade is between E1 – O4 or rank of Cadet to Major (inclusive).
- Applicants must submit the application electronically with essay and letter of recommendation by Sunday, April 15th, 2013 6pm EST.
- If awarded, the participant must contribute \$100 towards her voyage fee.
- **Paying it Forward:** Upon completing the Sisters Under Sail onboard leadership program, the award winners will be required to host/attend a peer event to share their experience with military families and encourage others to apply for future years. Students will also be asked to provide video and/or written testimony about their adventure and lessons learned from the experience that can be utilized by Sisters Under Sail and sponsors to further advance the program.

Extended Application Deadline: Tuesday, April 30th, 2013 at 6pm EST.

Please email the completed application to Dawn Santamaria: dawn@sistersundersail.org

A selection committee will review the applications and offer the scholarship awards by May 15, 2013.

PLEASE RANK YOUR PREFERRED PASSAGE

Sisters Under Sail can accommodate 6 students/voyage. Please note that we will work hard to place award recipients aboard for her preferred passage, but cannot guarantee the applicants preferred voyage:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Jun 9 – Jun 22 | St. Lawrence Seaway port (TBA) to Toronto |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Jun 23 – Jul 5 | Toronto to Cleveland |

Travel to and from the vessel is the responsibility of the family and is not covered in the scholarship award.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

NAME: _____

NICKNAME: _____

DATE OF BIRTH: / / AGE AT TIME OF VOYAGE: _____

GOING INTO GRADE: _____

FROM WHOM OR HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THIS SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY:

PARENTS/LEGAL GUARDIAN REQUIRED INFORMATION

PARENTS/LEGAL GUARDIAN NAME: _____

WHAT BRANCH OF MILITARY DOES THE APPLICANT'S PARENT SERVE: _____

WHERE IS YOUR FAMILY ASSIGNED: _____

MILITARY SPONSOR STATUS: _____

RANK OF MILITARY SPONSOR: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE/PROVINCE: _____ ZIP: _____

HOME PHONE: _____ PARENT CELL PHONE: _____

FAMILY EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

Essay Overcoming Obstacles

Each applicant is required to provide a typed essay between 300 and 600 words on her personal experience with overcoming an obstacle or attaining a goal in the context of trials at sea. The trials are identified as being the wind, waves, currents, and tides, etc. Included in the essay is why the applicant would like to be selected for this on-board leadership program and how she plans to "pay it forward".

Letter of Recommendation

Each applicant is to provide one letter or recommendation from a non-family member who can speak to the applicant's strength of character. This letter of recommendation must accompany the application.

Questions and Contact Information

If you have any questions about the program or application process, please feel free to contact Sisters Under Sail Founder and Executive Director, Dawn Santamaria, via email or phone at dawn@sistersundersail.org and cell: [908-256-6758](tel:908-256-6758). Visit our website at www.sistersundersail.org.
