

# Officer Scholarship Program Accepting Applications

The Navy is now accepting applications for the 2005 Officer Scholarship Program.

Under the program, officers enroll in graduate school on a full-time basis, receive full pay and allowances, and are reimbursed for permanent change-of-station costs.

Tuition must be paid by a non-Navy funded scholarship obtained by the service member. The scholarship must be equal to or greater than 50 percent of tuition costs, and Veteran's Administration benefits, such as the Montgomery GI Bill, can be used in conjunction with the scholarship.

Officers must be available to start studies before Sept. 30, 2005, and have 24 months or less to complete their coursework. Candidates will be selected based on performance records, needs of the Navy, promotion potential, academic qualifications and field of study.

Applicants must receive approval from their commanding officer. Officers receiving command endorsement should forward application packages to the Commanding Officer, Naval Education and Training Professional Development and Technology Center (NETPDTC), Code N2A2, 6490 Saufley Field Road, Pensacola, Fla., 32509-5204. Deadline to apply for the Officer Scholarship Program is Sept. 10, 2004.

Selected applicants will incur an additional obligated service equal to three times the length they were in the program, served concurrently with any other obligated service they may have.

Specific guidelines, additional requirements and detailed program information can be found in NAVADMIN 192/04 and OPNAV Instruction 1520.24B.



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