



FY-12 Olmsted Scholar Program Seeking Applicants

Career-minded line officers interested in developing language skills and regional cultural knowledge are encouraged to apply for the Olmsted Scholar Program, announced in Naval Administrative message (NAVADMIN) 202/10.

The Olmsted Program is a unique scholarship opportunity offering two years of graduate study using a foreign language while providing overseas cultural and travel opportunities and often leads to a graduate degree at a foreign university. Applicants for the fiscal year 2012 (FY-12) program should be

available to start language training in summer/fall 2011, begin study at a foreign university in 2012 and complete study in 2014. Applicants must have demonstrated strong leadership qualities, solid overall performance, strong promotion potential, and superior demonstrated scholastic ability. Candidates must have three years of commissioned service - but no more than 11 years of total active federal service as of April 1, 2011 - to apply for the scholarship.

The Center for Personal and Professional Development (CPPD) is currently accepting applications from regular or line officers for the FY-12 Olmsted program. Applicants are required to meet a list of qualifications and prerequisites and submit a command-endorsed nomination package that must be received by CPPD in Pensacola no later than Sept. 30. In October, the applications are reviewed and a final, Navy-sponsored list of nominees is selected. Up to 10 Navy scholars may be selected for the FY-12 program.

The Olmsted Foundation, named in honor of Gen. George and Carol Olmsted, and the Department of Defense have jointly sponsored this scholarship program since 1959. Since its inception, the foundation has focused on educational and charitable purposes.

The Navy nominations are submitted to the Olmsted Foundation Board of Directors, along with nomination packages from the other services. During a comprehensive personal interview, the foundation staff examines the nominee's academic and professional background, motivation to be a scholar, choice of foreign university, proposed course of study, language aptitude and career goals. The interview panel makes its recommendations to the board for final decisions on the nominees at their meeting in late March 2011.

Specific guidelines and details for applying for the Olmsted Scholar Program can be found in NAVADMIN 202/10.

All eligible and interested officers should visit the Olmsted Foundation Web site at www.olmstedfoundation.org for additional details, including important information regarding selection of country/city/university for their scholarship education preference.

