AFCEA 2022 MILITARY CERTIFICATION SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

PURPOSE: AFCEA Central Maryland Chapter seeks to award STEM certification scholarships towards cyber certifications to active-duty or active reserve, enlisted service members who have studied for a certification and need financial assistance to take a certification exam the military does not pay for. This is designed to assist with pursuing a career beyond the military.

AWARD: Each scholarship award amount (up to $500) is determined by the funds available and the request from each enlisted service member based on the certification exam they are pursuing. Certification exams must be offered by a DoD 8570 certification organization.

CRITERIA: Applicant must:
- Be an active duty or active-reserve, enlisted service member of the Armed Forces in good standing.
- Be serving in the Fort Meade, Maryland, area supporting NSA, DISA, or U.S. Cyber Command.
- Pursue a career field after the military where a cyber certification is encouraged.
- Participate in one of the following certification programs: CISSP, CISM, CEH, or any of the certs listed as part of this link: https://public.cyber.mil/cw/cwmp/dod-approved-8570-baseline-certifications/
- Submit proof of certification upon passing the exam to scholarships@centralmd.afceachapters.org.
  - Proof of certification may include a photo of a paper certificate, an Adobe PDF soft copy certificate, or screenshot from the certification organization’s website.

APPLICATION: Applicants must include all of the following items:
A completed application form submitted online (https://centralmd.afceachapters.org/military-scholarship-application) which includes:
- Which agency do you support (NSA, DISA, or U.S. Cyber Command)?
- What is your position?
- How long have you been in this position?
- What certification are you pursuing?
- Cost of the certification exam? (Please attach evidence of the cost of the exam)
- What is the target date for taking the exam?
- Why are you pursuing this certification? (please be as complete as possible in your response)
- How will this certification help in your current tasking and future career after the military?
- What certifications do you already have?
- What is your assigned Army or Marine Corp MOS, Air Force AFSC, Navy NEC, or Coast Guard rating?
- A letter of reference to be completed by the applicant’s Supervisor: This letter will confirm why the applicant needs the certification. The letter is to be completed by the applicant’s Supervisor (using the template provided) and the applicant will upload the letter with the application. Please make sure the letter is unclassified.

SUBMITTAL INFORMATION:
- Applications may be submitted September 15th to September 30th, 2022. Evaluations will be conducted to determine those enlisted active duty members that are most qualified to receive funding. This is encouraged for more junior grades and positions first.
- Applications will be evaluated and recipients selected and notified within 45 days after the application close date.
- A check will be sent directly to the recipient with the understanding that you will provide proof of exam completion and the results. The exam must be taken within six months of receiving the check. If you don’t take the exam, then the recipient will have to pay back the amount to AFCEA CMD. If the recipient does not pass the exam, then AFCEA CMD will not pay for follow-on attempts at the same exam.

For more information or any questions, please contact scholarships@centralmd.afceachapters.org.

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