



Sisters Under Sail

Daughters of U.S. and Canadian Military Application Form 2015

Daughters of U.S. and Canadian Military, ages 13 – 18, have been invited to sail with *Sisters Under Sail* aboard Sailing Vessel Denis Sullivan this summer to honor their parents' service for our great countries. *Sisters Under Sail*, a non-profit organization dedicated to teaching teen girls leadership skills and life lessons through sail training, sails as an all-women crewed tall ship. *Sisters Under Sail* and its sponsorship partners will award several U.S. and Canadian scholarships to eligible teens for a 1-week passage and the adventure of a lifetime.

This scholarship opportunity, valued at \$1,200, 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 those whose sponsor's pay grade is between E1 – O4 or rank of Cadet to Major (inclusive).
- We consider many factors, including: response to application essay, letter of recommendation, community involvement, leadership experience and accomplishments.
- Applicants must submit the application electronically with essay and letter of recommendation by Wednesday, April 15th, 2015, 6pm EST.
- If awarded, the participant must contribute \$200 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.

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

Application Deadline: Wednesday, April 15th, 2015 by 6pm EST.

A selection committee will review the applications and offer scholarship awards by May 15, 2015.

2015 PASSAGE DATES AND PORTS

July 18 – 24 Mackinac Island to Milwaukee, WI

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

Questions and Contact Information: If you have any questions about the program or application process, please contact *Sisters Under Sail* Founder and Executive Director, Dawn Santamaria, via email or phone at dawn@sistersundersail.org and cell: 908-256-6758. Visit our website at www.sistersundersail.org.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

NAME: _____

NICKNAME: _____

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

CURRENT GRADE: _____

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:

LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE:

ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

PARENTS/LEGAL GUARDIAN REQUIRED INFORMATION

PARENTS/LEGAL GUARDIAN NAME: _____

NAME OF MILITARY SPONSOR AND RELATIONSHIP TO APPLICANT:

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

MILITARY SPONSOR STATUS: _____

RANK OF MILITARY SPONSOR: _____

WHERE IS THE FAMILY CURRENTLY ASSIGNED: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE/PROVINCE: _____ ZIP: _____

HOME PHONE: _____ PARENT CELL PHONE: _____

FAMILY EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

Essay Overcoming Obstacles

Each applicant is required to respond to the following question using no more than 400 words:

"We may encounter many defeats, but we must not be defeated," Maya Angelou said. Explain a time when you overcame an obstacle. What did you learn from the experience? How will you use this knowledge to improve your life and the lives of others?"

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.

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