

USCG CHIEF PETTY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION
CAPTAIN CALIENDO COLLEGE ASSISTANCE FUND SCHOLARSHIP
APPLICATION

2026 ESSAY TOPIC

“Forty Years after the accident at the Chernobyl Nuclear Power Plant in 1986, is the continued use of nuclear power still a worthy option for producing energy?”

APPLICANT’S INFORMATION

Name (Last, First, MI): _____

Relationship to Sponsor (circle one): Daughter Son

Birth date: _____ Phone: (_____) _____ - _____

Complete mailing or home address:

Name and address of school presently attending:

Submit proof of enrollment or letter of acceptance with this application.

CPOA/CGEA SPONSOR’S INFORMATION

Sponsor’s Name (Last, First, MI): _____

Rate: _____ CPOA/CGEA Membership #: _____

Sponsor’s complete mailing address (if different from Applicant’s):

Sponsor’s phone number (if different from Applicant’s): Phone: (_____) _____ - _____

Signature of Sponsor: _____ Date: _____

GENERAL INFORMATION ON CCCAF SCHOLARSHIP

1. The purpose of the CCCAF Scholarship is to assist dependent children of CPOA/CGEA members in defraying expenses incurred at a university, college or vocational school of acceptance.
2. Please print or type all information on the application. If we cannot read the information, your application may not be processed.
3. Eligibility requirements:
 - a. Be a dependent child of a member or deceased member of the USCG CPOA/CGEA.
 - i) Have not attained the age of 24 by 1 April of the award year.
 - ii) No age limit exists for children with disabilities.
 - b. Enrollment or acceptance with an accredited college, university, or vocation school
 - i) Submit proof of enrollment or letter of acceptance with your application.
4. Submitted essays:
 - a. Must state the essay topic on the top of the submission.
 - b. Shall not exceed 500 words.
 - c. Plagiarism/use of AI tools: CPOA has the right to run all entries through plagiarism software and disqualify those entries we determine were not the sole product of the applicant.
 - d. Will be judged on:
 - i) Developing your Point of View and Critical Thinking.
 - ii) Organization, Progression, and Examples.
 - iii) Spelling, Vocabulary and Sentence Structure.
5. Five grants in the amounts listed below, will be awarded to the individuals submitting the top entries:

1st.	\$5000.00
2nd.	\$4000.00
3rd.	\$3000.00
4th.	\$1500.00
5th.	\$1500.00
6. Applications and required material must be received no later than 1 April 2026 at:

Submissions (.pdf) will be accepted via email at: cpoacgea-scholarships@uscgcpoa.org
or

USCG Chief Petty Officers Association
CCCAF Scholarship Committee
5520-G Hempstead Way
Springfield, VA 22151-4009

The USCG CPOA reserves the right to choose the recipients of the scholarships as it deems fit. A committee of judges shall be appointed, and their decision is final. By entering this contest, winning applicants agree to have their essays printed in full or in part in *"The Chief"* Magazine and on our web site. Winners may be asked to provide a photograph suitable for publication.

Applications received after 1 April will not be processed.

I understand and agree to the terms listed above. I understand further that my submitted application and essay will become the sole property of the USCG CPOA.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____