

Deadline nears for Meridian Area Navy League scholarship

What is it?: Each year, the Meridian Area Navy League awards two \$750 scholarships to deserving students to help with costs of higher education.

Who is eligible?: Dependent spouses and children of active duty military members currently serving at NAS Meridian; dependents of retired military members who previously served at NAS Meridian and now live in the local area; and NJROTC cadets from the local area schools are eligible for the scholarships. Applicants must plan to attend either an accredited junior college or an accredited four-year college or university.

Deadline for application: All applications postmarked by July 29, 2011, will be considered.

Where can I get an application: You can pick-up an application at the NAS Meridian Public Affairs Office, Building 255, RM 201. (phone: 601-679-2318) or at the East Mississippi Business Development Corporation office in Union Station on Front Street in Meridian. (phone: 601-693-1306)

Where do I send my application?: Applications should be mailed to the Meridian Area Navy League, P.O. Box 790, Meridian, MS 39302-0790, or you can hand deliver to the EMBDC in Union Station.

When will the selections be announced?: The scholarship committee, consisting of three members of the Meridian Area Navy League board of directors, will evaluate all applications. The committee will present the selected applicants and alternates to the Navy League executive committee for approval prior to awarding scholarship funds. Recipients will be announced by Aug. 12, 2011. Funds, which are to be used toward the cost of tuition, fees, and books, will be presented in the form of a check payable to the college the applicant will attend.