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MOAA Citrus County Chapter JROTC Scholarship Awards Program

I. Scholarship Purpose: To encourage currently enrolled high school senior JROTC cadets to pursue post high school educational opportunities that will provide future employment with the U.S. military services; with national/state/local government agencies or within the private sector.

II. Scholarship Description: The MOAA Citrus County Chapter shall award three \$1500 JROTC scholarships, which honor MOAA members, to one senior JROTC cadet from each of the Citrus County School District's Army, Navy, and Air Force JROTC programs. Below is a description of the scholarships:

- A. The Evelyn H. Reading MOAA Citrus County Chapter JROTC Scholarship Awards:** MOAA member LTC Robert Reading, USA (Ret) and his wife Evelyn Reading both believed that higher education was highly important for young people. Following LTC Reading's passing, Evelyn Reading created a MOAA JROTC scholarship fund within her estate. Following her passing, this scholarship fund was eventually transferred to the Citrus County Education Foundation (CCEF) for the disbursement of the donated funds. The scholarship application and award selection processes are administered by the MOAA Citrus County Chapter. The first Evelyn H. Reading MOAA Citrus County Chapter JROTC Scholarship was awarded in 2022. Currently, two scholarships are awarded from this scholarship fund.
- B. The MOAA Citrus County Chapter Maurice "Bud" Wise JROTC Scholarship Award:** MOAA member Commander Maurice "Bud" Wise, USN (Ret), was a founding member of the MOAA Citrus County Chapter and a former Citrus County teacher. Following his passing, his surviving spouse Allie directed that donations be made in his memory to create the Maurice "Bud" Wise MOAA JROTC scholarship fund. The first scholarship was awarded in 2000. The scholarship is funded and disbursed by the MOAA Citrus County Chapter. The scholarship application and award selection processes are administered by the MOAA Citrus County Chapter.

III. Scholarship Application Process

- A. The applicant must be a currently enrolled Citrus County high school senior JROTC cadet. The applicant must be a permanent legal U.S. resident physically residing in Citrus County, Florida at the time of the application deadline and award selection.
- B. The scholarship is eligible for attendance at an accredited higher education institution that awards academic degrees or professional certifications, to include universities, academies (excluding U.S. Military Service Academies), colleges, institutes of technology, trade schools, career colleges, and work skill programs.

- C. The applicant shall request the MOAA Citrus County Chapter JROTC Scholarship Awards Program digital application form from the JROTC program's senior instructor. This application form is the only form accepted for these JROTC scholarships.
- D. Each Citrus County high school JROTC program may submit up to two final applicants per program to be reviewed by the MOAA Citrus County Chapter JROTC Scholarship Awards Program committee.
- E. The JROTC senior instructor of each JROTC program shall be the person responsible for presenting the two final applicants for their program to the MOAA Citrus County Chapter JROTC Scholarship Awards Program committee. The instructor shall ensure:
 - 1. The applicant is eligible to apply for the scholarship.
 - 2. A merit-based selection system is used to include the following applicant criteria:
 - a. GPA, ACT and SAT scores.
 - b. Three letters of recommendation to include one from the JROTC program's senior instructor.
 - c. Exceptional JROTC and high school leadership skills and/or accomplishments.
 - d. Future education and career goals: military, government, or the private sector.
- F. Application Deadline: April 1st of each calendar year.
- G. Application Award Notification: Approximately April 15th of each calendar year.

IV. Scholarship Awards Process

- A. The MOAA Citrus County Chapter JROTC Scholarship Awards Program committee shall perform the final awards process on the applications presented by the JROTC senior instructors.
- B. The committee may perform personal interviews, telephone interviews, email interviews or video conference interviews with applicants presented by the JROTC instructors.
- C. If a JROTC program does not have any applicants for its assigned scholarship, the committee is authorized to redirect the funds for that scholarship and award the scholarship to one of the remaining JROTC programs' final applicant pool.
- D. The awards committee shall notify the senior JROTC instructor and the scholarship awardees by email.
- E. The cadet awardee is required to attend the MOAA Citrus County Chapter JROTC Scholarship Awards Luncheon normally held on the 2nd Thursday in May of each calendar year. The cadet awardee is required to prepare a short speech about their JROTC experience and their future plans to use the awarded scholarship.
- F. For scholarship funds to be distributed, the cadet awardee must provide the following information to the CCEF and the MOAA Citrus County Chapter no later than Dec 31st of the calendar year in which the scholarship was awarded:
 - 1. Letter of acceptance from the admissions office of the university, academy, college, institute of technology, trade school, career college or work skill program.
 - 2. The awardee's educational institution student account. Disbursement of monies from the student account is the responsibility of the educational institution.