BACKGROUND

The AEV program offers advanced education opportunities and provides financial assistance to senior enlisted personnel (E7-E9) to complete a baccalaureate or master's Navy-relevant degree in designated areas of study through off-duty education. Applicants should be available to commence their studies after October of the Fiscal Year for which they are selected. A Navy selection board will convene in June.

The AEV Program supports the Professional Military Education Continuum. Participants in the AEV Program will be provided funding for tuition, books, and related fees for completion of the advanced degrees within the following guidelines and funding limits:

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Baccalaureate Degree: Applicants must have either an associate's degree from an institution of higher learning accredited by an agency recognized by the Department of Education or the equivalent amount of college credit already earned and applicable to the Navy-relevant degree being sought. Funding limits are a maximum of 6,700 dollars per fiscal year for up
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to 36 months from the date of signing a letter of acceptance, not to exceed 20,000 dollar’s total program cost

Master’s Degree: Applicants must have a baccalaureate degree from an institution of higher learning accredited by an agency recognized by the Department of Education and only Navy-relevant master's degrees will be considered. Funding limits are a maximum of 20,000 dollars per fiscal year for up to 24 months from the date of signing a letter of acceptance, not to exceed 40,000 dollar’s total program cost.

Other: AEV is not authorized for courses used to earn an additional degree at the same or lower education level. AEV and tuition assistance benefits may not be combined and reimbursement for any educational expenses incurred prior to participation in AEV is not authorized.

Service Obligation: Upon completion of, or withdrawal from, education for which any authorized expenses were paid, participants shall agree to remain on active-duty for a period equal to three times the number of months of education completed or three years, whichever is less. This obligation is discharged concurrently with any other service obligation program participants may have already incurred. This agreement does not obligate the Navy to retain a member on active duty. If a program participant fails to complete the period of active duty specified in the agreement, such member will reimburse the United States for the cost of the advanced education received, prorated for the obligated time served.

The Navy is looking for superior performing active duty senior enlisted personnel (E-7 to E-9) with strong upward mobility potential with the following qualifications to apply for the program.

a. Time in Service: E7 with no more than 17 years; E8 with no more than 19 years; and E9 with no more than 23 years as of 01 October of the Fiscal Year of selection.
b. Eligibility: Applicants should be transferring to, or currently on shore duty with sufficient time ashore to complete a baccalaureate or master's degree program. Applicants on sea duty may apply provided they submit an education plan that shows the ability to complete the degree program as specified above.

**APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS**

Applications are to be prepared using the format located at the Navy College website and must include endorsements by both the Commanding Officer and Command Master Chief (maximum length one page each). Additional information and examples of Navy-relevant areas of study are located at http://www.navycollege.navy.mil/resources/aev.htm.

Completed application packages, with endorsements, must reach Naval Education and Training Command Code N52 no later than 01 May 2020. Application packages can be sent via encrypted email to the point of contact listed below.

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