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SUBJ/UPDATE TO THE FY-22 OLMSTED SCHOLAR PROGRAM//

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RMKS/1. This NAVADMIN solicits applications and provides guidance for the FY-22 Olmsted Scholar Program.

2. This NAVADMIN supersedes NAVADMIN 131/20 and is being re-issued to include updated options for submitting Defense Language Aptitude Battery (DLAB) test scores and for taking the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) exam for the FY-22 Olmsted Scholar Program.

a. Applications should be prepared according to enclosure (3) of reference (a). Application packages, with command endorsement and detailer statement, are due no later than 21 August 2020 to the Olmsted Scholar Program Manager.

b. During the COVID-19 outbreak, the Olmsted Foundation will allow applicants to report DLAB scores to either the Navy's Selection Board held in Dec 2020 or as late as Jan 2021 to the Olmsted Scholar Program Manager prior to the Olmsted Foundation's Board of Directors meeting. Language aptitude is an important consideration for selection. Although DLAB scores may be submitted to the Foundation as late as Jan 2021, applicants are highly encouraged to ensure their scores are available to the Navy Selection Board. Documentation for the board must be received no later than 10 days prior to the board's convening, currently scheduled for 09 December 2020.

c. Educational Testing Service has provided options for those that may be impacted by the coronavirus to take the GRE. Details can be found at www.ets.org/gre/at-home (test takers) and www.ets.org/gre/cv-update (institutions).

d. Official college transcripts may be submitted via the institution to the Olmsted Scholar Program Manager, which must be received no later than 4 September 2020. Detailed information on application requirements, sample application template, and Frequently Asked Questions are located on the Navy College website at www.navycollege.navy.mil/resources/olmsted.htm. Applications should

be submitted via email to the Navy Olmsted Scholar Program Manager POC listed at the end of this NAVADMIN. Prior to submission, ensure the electronic copies are clear, legible, and properly endorsed.

3. Background:

a. The Olmsted Scholar Program offers outstanding young military leaders an unsurpassed opportunity to achieve fluency in a foreign language, pursue graduate study at an overseas university and acquire an in-depth understanding of foreign cultures, thereby equipping them to serve in positions of greater responsibility as senior leaders in the United States Armed Forces. This unique scholarship opportunity supports the Secretary of Defense's emphasis on developing language skills and regional cultural knowledge across the force. The Olmsted Scholar program also meets educational requirements for both Flag Officer and Major Command.

b. The Olmsted Scholar Program is a three-year program for which career timing is an important consideration. Applicants must contact their detailer for counseling on the career feasibility of participation in the Olmsted Scholar Program. To be considered by the Navy selection board, a detailer written/signed statement, as stated in enclosure (3) of reference (a), must be included in the nomination package.

4. Criteria:

a. All active duty, regular officers with the designators 1110, 1120, 1130, 1140, 1310, 1320, 1810, 1820, 1830, and 3100 with at least three years of Active Federal Commissioned Service (AFCS) and no more than 13.5 years of total Active Federal Service (AFS) as of 1 April 2021 are eligible to apply. The maximum length of service eligibility requirement has been extended for all eligible designators from 11 years to 13.5 years as part of a three-year trial program.

5. Application Process:

a. Applicants should be available to commence language training in summer/fall 2021 at the Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center in Monterey, CA or Washington, DC, begin two years of study at a foreign university in 2022 and complete their studies in 2024. A Navy selection board will convene in November 2020 to select up to 12 nominees from which the Olmsted Foundation Board of Directors will consider and select Navy scholars to receive this prestigious scholarship in March 2021. Navy is seeking applicants who display the warfighting and intellectual qualities of dedicated career officers who aspire to command.

6. Selection Notifications:

a. Olmsted notifications will occur in two phases. Navy nominees will be notified via email following the Navy selection board in November 2020. Scholars selected by the Olmsted Foundation Board of Directors will be contacted via email following the selection board in March 2021.

7. Points of contact:

a. For program-specific and application procedures, contact Olmsted Scholar Program Manager POC, Ms. Elise McGuire, OPNAV N7132, at (850)

473-6064/DSN 753, or via e-mail at elise.mcguire(at)navy.mil.

b. For Olmsted Scholar experience inquiries, contact CDR Patrick Murphy, the Navy Active Duty Director for the Olmsted Foundation, via email at patrick.r.murphy3(at)navy.mil.

8. This message will remain in effect until superseded or canceled, whichever occurs first.

9. Released by Vice Admiral Stuart B. Munsch, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Warfighting Development.//

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