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SUBJ/GRADUATE EDUCATION VOUCHER (GEV) PROGRAM//

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NARR/REF A IS STATUTE THAT SPECIFIES EDUCATION RELATED ACTIVE DUTY AGREEMENTS AND REIMBURSEMENT REQUIREMENTS. REF B SETS ACTIVE DUTY OBLIGATION OFFICERS WHO HAVE RECEIVED FULLY-FUNDED OR PARTIALLY FUNDED EDUCATION. REF C PROVIDES PROCEDURAL GUIDANCE FOR THE NAVY'S GRADUATE EDUCATION PROGRAM.//

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RMKS/1. THIS NAVADMIN PROVIDES DETAILS ON THE GRADUATE EDUCATION VOUCHER (GEV) PROGRAM AND GUIDANCE FOR FY01 PROGRAM APPLICATION.

2. THE GEV PROGRAM PROVIDES INCREASED OPPORTUNITY AND INCENTIVE FOR UNRESTRICTED LINE OFFICERS (URL) WHOSE CAREER PATHS PROVIDE LIMITED OPPORTUNITY FOR FULL TIME EDUCATION TO OBTAIN FULLY FUNDED GRADUATE EDUCATION DURING OFF-DUTY HOURS. ELIGIBILITY IS OPEN TO O-3 THROUGH O-6 ACTIVE-DUTY LIST URL OFFICERS FROM THE 1110, 1120, 1130, 1140 AND 13XX COMMUNITIES WITH DEMONSTRATED SUPERIOR PERFORMANCE AND UPWARD CAREER MOBILITY. APPLICANTS SHOULD BE TRANSFERRING TO (OR CURRENTLY ON) SHORE DUTY WITH SUFFICIENT TIME ASHORE TO COMPLETE A MASTER'S DEGREE PROGRAM. OFFICERS WHO ALREADY HAVE A GRADUATE DEGREE FUNDED THROUGH ANY DOD ASSISTANCE OR VETERAN'S EDUCATION BENEFITS ARE NOT ELIGIBLE. OFFICERS CURRENTLY ENROLLED IN A QUALIFYING MASTER'S DEGREE PROGRAM USING TUITION ASSISTANCE, OTHER FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS, OR PAYING PRIVATELY ARE ELIGIBLE TO APPLY FOR THE GEV PROGRAM. HOWEVER, THEY ARE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF ANY PREVIOUSLY PAID EDUCATIONAL EXPENSES.

3. GEV WILL COVER 100 PERCENT OF A SELECTED OFFICER'S GRADUATE EDUCATION COST (TUITION, BOOKS AND REGISTRATION/APPLICATION FEES) UP TO A MAXIMUM OF 20,000 DOLLARS PER YEAR FOR UP TO 24 MONTHS FROM THE TIME OF ENROLLMENT, NOT TO EXCEED 40,000 DOLLARS FOR THE ENTIRE PROGRAM. CERTAIN RESTRICTIONS APPLY ON BOOKS AND FEES COVERED. FOR FY-01, THERE ARE 100 QUOTAS AVAILABLE, APPORTIONED AS FOLLOWS: SURFACE WARFARE OFFICERS - 26, SUBMARINE OFFICERS - 34, AVIATION OFFICERS - 36 AND SPECWAR/SPECOPS OFFICERS -4.

4. GEV FUNDING IS AUTHORIZED FOR NAVY RELEVANT MASTER'S DEGREE PROGRAMS THAT MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF AT LEAST ONE APPROVED NAVY SUBSPECIALTY AS VERIFIED BY NAVAL POSTGRADUATE SCHOOL (NPS). APPROVED SUBSPECIALTIES MAY BE GRANTED FOR DEGREES EARNED AT

EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS ACCREDITED BY A REGIONAL ACCREDITING AGENCY RECOGNIZED BY THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION. INSTITUTIONS PROVIDING COURSES OF STUDY BY DISTANCE LEARNING OR OTHER "NON-TRADITIONAL" MEANS MUST MEET THESE SAME REQUIREMENTS. FURTHER QUESTIONS REGARDING QUALIFYING PROGRAMS SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO THE NPS CIVILIAN INSTITUTIONS PROGRAM OFFICE (CODE 031A) AT (831)656-4654/3605, DSN 878-4654/3605 OR E-MAIL 031A@NPS.NAVY.MIL. VISIT THE WEBSITE AT HTTP://WWW.NPS.NAVY.MIL/CODE031A.

5. THE NAVAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND TECHNOLOGY CENTER (NETPDTC) ADMINISTERS PAYMENTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE GEV PROGRAM THROUGH ITS NAVY COLLEGE OFFICES USING PROCEDURES SIMILAR TO THOSE CURRENTLY USED FOR THE TUITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM. FUNDING GUIDANCE WILL BE PROVIDED TO THOSE OFFICERS SELECTED FOR THE GEV PROGRAM.

6. OFFICERS USING GEV BENEFITS SHALL AGREE TO REMAIN ON ACTIVE DUTY FOLLOWING COMPLETION OF THE PROGRAM (OF AFTER DISENROLLING FROM THE PROGRAM IF BENEFITS WERE USED) FOR A PERIOD OF THREE TIMES THE NUMBER OF MONTHS OF EDUCATION COMPLETED FOR A MAXIMUM OBLIGATION OF THIRTY-SIX MONTHS. THIS OBLIGATION IS DISCHARGED CONCURRENTLY WITH ANY OTHER SERVICE OBLIGATION THAT THE OFFICER MAY ALREADY HAVE INCURRED. THIS AGREEMENT DOES NOT OBLIGATE THE NAVY TO RETAIN THE MEMBER ON ACTIVE DUTY. IF AN OFFICER FAILS TO COMPLETE THE PERIOD OF ACTIVE DUTY SPECIFIED IN THE AGREEMENT, SUCH OFFICER WILL REIMBURSE THE UNITED STATES FOR COST OF THE ADVANCED EDUCATION RECEIVED, PRORATED FOR THE OBLIGATED TIME SERVED. REFS A AND B APPLY. OFFICERS COMPLETING A DEGREE USING GEV BENEFITS SHOULD EXPECT TO SERVE ONE TOUR IN A SUBSPECIALTY BILLET NOT LATER THAN THE SECOND TOUR FOLLOWING GRADUATION IAW REF C.

7. OFFICERS INTERESTED IN THE GEV PROGRAM DURING FY01 SHOULD SUBMIT A WRITTEN REQUEST TO THEIR DETAILER USING THE FORMAT BELOW. FOR SHIPS AT SEA, APPLICATIONS VIA NAVAL MESSAGE CONTAINING THE REQUISITE INFORMATION WILL BE ACCEPTED. NPC PERS 41/42/43 WILL REVIEW APPLICANT PERFORMANCE RECORDS CONSIDERING EACH APPLICANT'S SPECIFIC CAREER REQUIREMENTS. SELECTEES WILL BE NOTIFIED BY THEIR DETAILERS NLT FOUR WEEKS AFTER APPLICATION WAS SUBMITTED. NPC (PERS 4) WILL PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION ON SELECTED OFFICERS TO THE DIRECTOR OF CIVILIAN INSTITUTIONS PROGRAMS, NAVAL POSTGRADUATE SCHOOL, CODE 031A, 1588 CUNNINGHAM ROAD, HERRMANN HALL, ROOM 20E, MONTEREY, CA 93943-5143 AND COMMANDING OFFICER, NETPDTC, CODE N2, 6490 SAUFLEY FIELD ROAD, PENSACOLA, FL 32509-5204: NAME, RANK, DESIG, SSN, COMMAND, COMMAND ADDRESS, PRD, MAILING ADDRESS, WORK PHONE, HOME PHONE AND E-MAIL. NPS WILL PROVIDE SELECTED OFFICERS ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE ON NECESSARY ACTION/PROCEDURES BY SEPARATE CORRESPONDENCE, INCLUDING HOW TO APPLY FOR GEV FUNDS EACH TERM. NPS MUST PROVIDE APPROVAL FOR EACH SELECTEE'S SPECIFIC DEGREE PLAN BEFORE HE/SHE CAN USE GEV BENEFITS.

8. REQUEST SHOULD BE SUBMITTED USING THE FOLLOWING FORMAT:
FROM: (GRADE, FULL NAME, SSN/DESIGNATOR)
TO: COMMANDER, NAVY PERSONNEL COMMAND (PERS 41/42/43 AS APPROPRIATE)
VIA: COMMANDING OFFICER

SUBJ: REQUEST FOR GRADUATE EDUCATION VOUCHER

REF: (A) NAVADMIN XXX/XX (THIS NAVADMIN)

1. I REQUEST SELECTION FOR THE GRADUATE EDUCATION VOUCHER PROGRAM. I MEET ALL THE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS AS SPECIFIED IN REFERENCE A. MY PRD IS (DATE) AND I AM INTERESTED IN PURSUING GRADUATE STUDIES AT (SCHOOL) IN (SUBJECT)(IF KNOWN) WHILE I AM SERVING AS THE (BILLET)FOR (COMMAND)(IF KNOWN). I CURRENTLY DO NOT HOLD A GRADUATE DEGREE. 2. (ADDITIONAL INFORMATION/JUSTIFICATION.)

3. I UNDERSTAND THAT IF SELECTED FOR THIS PROGRAM I SHALL REMAIN ON ACTIVE DUTY FOLLOWING COMPLETION OF THE PROGRAM (OR AFTER ISENROLLING FROM THE PROGRAM IF BENEFITS WERE USED), FOR A PERIOD EQUAL TO THREE TIMES THE NUMBER OF MONTHS OF EDUCATION COMPLETED UP TO A MAXIMUM OBLIGATION OF THIRTY-SIX MONTHS. THIS OBLIGATION IS DISCHARGED CONCURRENTLY WITH ANY OTHER SERVICE OBLIGATION THAT I MAY ALREADY HAVE INCURRED. THIS AGREEMENT DOES NOT OBLIGATE THE NAVY TO RETAIN ME ON ACTIVE DUTY.

4. I CAN BE CONTACTED AT (HOME AND WORK MAILING ADDRESS, HOME AND WORK PHONE NUMBER, HOME AND WORK E-MAIL).

10. QUESTIONS REGARDING THE GEV PROGRAM SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO DETAILERS OR POC LISTED IN THIS MESSAGE.

11. RELEASED BY VADM D. V MCGINN N7.//

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