

USCG CHIEF PETTY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION  
WALTER GORE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP  
APPLICATION

2025 ESSAY TOPIC

*“What would you change in the Coast Guard to increase retention among members with fewer than 8 years of service?”*

APPLICANT’S INFORMATION

Members Name (Last, First, MI): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Complete mailing or home address:

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Name and address of school presently attending:

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GENERAL INFORMATION ON WALTER GORE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

1. The purpose of the Walter Gore Memorial Scholarship is to assist members of the CPOA/CGEA in defraying expenses incurred at a university, college or vocational school of acceptance.
2. Please print or type all information on the application. If we cannot read the information, your application may not be processed.
3. Eligibility requirements:
  - a. Be a member “in good standing” of USCG CPOA/CGEA for at least one year regardless of age.
  - b. Furnish a copy of a letter of acceptance from a college, university or vocational school you plan to attend. This must be submitted with your application.
  - c. If attending a college, university or vocational school, you must provide proof of enrollment with your application.
4. Submitted essays shall not exceed 500 words and must state the essay topic on the top of the submission. Essays will be judged on style and content. Judges will look for essays that are clear, articulate and logically organized. The USCG CPOA reserves the right to choose the recipient of the scholarship as it deems fit. A committee of judges shall be appointed and their decision is final. By entering this contest, winning applicants agree to have their essays printed in full or in part in “The Chief” Magazine and on our web site. Winners may be asked to provide a photograph suitable for publication.
5. Two grants up to \$500.00 each will be awarded to the individuals submitting the top two entries.
6. Applications and required material must be received by 1 April 2024 at:

USCG Chief Petty Officers Association  
Walter Gore Scholarship Committee  
5520-G Hempstead Way  
Springfield, VA 22151-4009

Submissions (.pdf) will be accepted via email at: [CPOAscholarships@gmail.com](mailto:CPOAscholarships@gmail.com)

Applications received after 1 April will not be processed.

I understand and agree to the terms listed in above. I further understand that my submitted application and essay will become the sole property of the USCG CPOA.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_