



## The Aaron Redd Award

The Aaron Redd Award was established by the Aaron Redd Foundation to provide a financial award to Active Duty Coast Guardsmen, Active Duty Coast Guard Reservists, and their dependents who are pursuing continuing education or job certification training. It is designed to assist with some or all of the cost of continued professional and/or academic development. The recipient will receive \$2,500 towards their professional or academic pursuits. If you are eligible, we would like to hear from you and learn how we can help support your endeavors.

### 2022 Application Eligibility Requirements

*In order to be considered for the Aaron Redd Award, applicants must meet the following eligibility requirements:*

- ✓ Must be active duty Coast Guard personnel **or** SELRES Coast Guard personnel **or** the dependent of either, active duty or SELRES Coast Guard, personnel
- ✓ Must be E-6 (or dependent of E-6) and below
- ✓ Must be pursuing academic or professional development (i.e. classes, certifications, licensure, trade school tuition)

To be considered for the Aaron Redd Award, please complete the following application in its entirety. All submissions must be received no later than **1 April 2022**. Please submit the completed application, letters of recommendation, and essay via email to:

**[awards@aaronreddfoundation.org](mailto:awards@aaronreddfoundation.org)**



## About Aaron

Aaron was passionate about life and at 19 made the decision to serve in the United States Coast Guard. He was devoted to living a life of honor, duty and service. On 28 June 2016, he began his dream when he and his fellow Recruits set foot on the grounds of The Coast Guard Training Center in Cape May, New Jersey. Aaron was ready to serve his country.

A few day's into training, due to complications from an unknown blood disorder (the Sickle Cell Trait) Aaron collapsed. On 6 July with his family and new Coast Guard family by his bedside, Aaron passed away. By donating his strong heart, Aaron was able to fulfill his purpose as a Coastie and *save a life*. Aaron is the first Seaman Recruit to ever save a life. He never gave up – Ever.

Aaron was larger than life. He was an athlete, a loyal friend, witty, fun loving, and smart; and we will miss him every moment of every day. His family and friends have experienced first-hand, the love and support of the Coast Guard family. From the moment Aaron was admitted to the hospital, until his final day on Earth, the Coast Guard stood by him.

On 19 August, posthumously, Aaron became an honorary graduate of Delta Company 193 and is forever a U.S. Coast Guardsman. Today, Aaron has an eagle's eye view and stands the watch over all those he loved.

The Aaron Redd Foundation was established on 19 January 2018 on what would have been Aaron's 23rd birthday. To learn more visit [aaronreddfoundation.org](http://aaronreddfoundation.org)

Thank you for taking the time to learn about Aaron. The Aaron Redd Award Committee is excited to learn about your passion and goals for the future and how this award can help you achieve your dream. Aaron is leaving a legacy and we want you to be a part of his story.





## Applicant Information

Deadline: 1 April 2022

You may submit additional pages if your answers do not fit on the space provided on the application.

**Please print or type answers.** *If we are unable to read any part of your submission, your application will not be considered.*

*Please submit all pages in a single .pdf formatted document*

Name:

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Address:

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Email:

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Phone:

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I am an:

- Active Duty Coast Guard
- SELRES Coast Guard
- Dependent of Active Duty/SELRES Coast Guard
- E-6 and below





## Letters of Recommendation

To be considered, please submit the following with your completed application:

- **Active Duty or SELRES Coast Guard:**
  - 2 letters of recommendation from non-family members
  - 1 letter of recommendation from a member of your current command cadre
  
- **Dependent Applicant :**
  - 3 letters of recommendation from non-family members
  - For verification purposes dependents, please provide your 10 digit DoD ID Number:





## Community Involvement and Outreach

*Please list any civic organizations with which you are involved. Please describe your role and any awards or accomplishments:*



## How can our Foundation help you to carry on Aaron's Legacy?

*If selected, what would the awarded amount pay for? Please list how the money would be allocated. If money is to be paid to an institution, please provide the name and contact information (address, phone, email) for that institution. Provide specific dollar amounts where possible.*

## Essay Submission

*\* Please submit an essay about why you are applying for The Aaron Redd Award. Please explain your role in connection to the USCG. Help us understand your character, how you plan to develop professionally or academically. Finally, please describe how you relate to Aaron and his path. (Please attach your essay separately).*

- **Please ensure to submit all forms in a SINGLE PDF attachment.**
- **Applicants should have concrete plans for the award money. The award money must be used by 1 June 2023.**
- **Deadline for submission is 1 April 2022.**





## How we evaluate candidates for the award

Evaluation Criteria	Weight (%)
Essay	40%
Credentials*	25%
Letters of Recommendation	25%
Financial Need	10%

\*Professional and Civic Experience

## Pre-submission Checklist

- Confirm that you meet all three eligibility requirements listed on page 1.
- All three letters of recommendation
  - One from current command cadre if applicant is active duty or SELRES personnel
- Dependents provide 10 Digit DoDID number for verification purposes
- All information submitted prior to 1 April 2022 in a single PDF file
- "Community Involvement and Outreach" section complete
- "How Our Foundation Can Help" section complete
- Essay complete and submitted in single PDF format

