



## New Scholarships Endowed, Total Endowments Now 62

Dolphin Scholarship Foundation is pleased to announce the endowment of 3 additional Dolphin Scholarships. The USS Flasher (SSN 613) & VADM Kenneth M. Carr, USN (Ret.) Scholarship was generously funded by Mrs. Katherine D. Pearce. The Betty Cooper Memorial Scholarship and the CAPT James C. Hay, USN (Ret.) Scholarships were created by DSF to honor two longtime supporters. Endowments are invested, and the interest generated funds the scholarship each year, allowing it to live in perpetuity. If you are interested in learning more about establishing your own scholarship legacy, please contact us. Read more about these new scholarships on page 8.



## David Bolcar Steps Down as DSF Board Member, Timothy Taylor Joins

After 7 years of exemplary service to the DSF Board of Directors, Mr. David Bolcar is retiring from the board. An integral link between DSF and Newport News Shipbuilding, Dave provided support and insight on new



developments in shipbuilding and how NNS and DSF could partner to support both Sailors and the shipbuilding workforce, from engineers to pipe fitters. DSF would like to extend its gratitude to Dave for his many years of service and support, and we wish him fair winds and following seas in his next chapter.

Learn more about the newest Board Member, Mr. Tim Taylor, on page 8.

## USS Massachusetts (SSN 798) Scholarship

In September 2025, DSF received a \$100,000 grant from the Sandberg Goldberg Bernthal Family Charitable Foundation

To establish the USS Massachusetts (SSN 798) Scholarship, which will begin accepting applications in October 2026.



Eligibility is as follows:

- Current or former qualified submariner, or their DoD-recognized spouse or child.
- Served at least 6 months aboard USS Massachusetts (SSN 798).

We look forward to awarding this scholarship to the dependents and crew of the USS Massachusetts.

# From the Desk of the Executive Director

Dear Friends and Supporters,

As we open a new year full of promise and opportunity, I want to take a moment to express my deepest gratitude for your generous support of the Dolphin Scholarship Program throughout 2025. Whether you contributed as an individual donor, through your corporation, or as part of one of our devoted spouse groups, your commitment made a direct and lasting impact on the lives of our scholars.

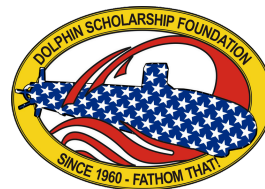
Because of your dedication, we were able to provide educational opportunities to deserving students who might not have otherwise had access to pursue their educational goals. Your belief in our mission fuels our work and reminds us daily of the power of community, compassion, and shared purpose.

As we look ahead to 2026, we are inspired by the continued partnerships that make the Dolphin Scholarship Program thrive. Together, we can expand our reach, empower more students, and strengthen the foundation for a better future. We look forward to another successful year, one filled with collaboration, generosity, and stories of success that we can all celebrate.

Thank you once again for your invaluable support. It is your generosity and vision that make our shared mission possible.



Andrew Clark, MBA, CFRE, CAP  
Executive Director



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# Scholar Spotlight



"Being a SubForce Scholar highlights the military legacy of my father who served on the USS Gato. It is an honor to be a recipient of such a prestigious scholarship. This also means I can focus more of my time and energy on my coursework, including student teaching in the fall, and becoming an outstanding educator. This also means I will be well equipped to give back to my community through my future classroom."

Grace Forry

Middle Level Math & Science, Elementary Education  
Grove City College  
USS Von Steuben (SSBN 632) Scholarship

"I am deeply grateful to be a SubForce Scholar, as this scholarship eases my family's financial burden and allows me to focus on earning my bachelor's degree in cybersecurity. This degree is vital for my goal of defending the United States in Cyber Warfare. Additionally, the support that my family will receive will inspire my children to pave their future aspirations. This will create an overall long-lasting legacy and opportunity for my family. Thank you so much for this!"

Joseph Gutierrez  
Cybersecurity

American Military University  
USS Bowfin Memorial Scholarship



"Being a SubForce Scholar means that I will be able to achieve my academic goals and successfully get a degree in chemical engineering! I'm so grateful to the people who have made such a program possible, especially the sponsors of this scholarship and the members of the military."

Jessica Kendrick

Chemical Engineering  
University of California, San Diego  
San Diego Submarine Spouses Scholarship



# Congratulations December 2025 Graduates!



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## Scholarship Application FAQs

- Can I get a scholarship for a master's or doctoral program?
  - Only those eligible for the USS Montana (SSN 794) may receive funds for a master's program. All other scholarships are only available to those pursuing their first associate's/bachelor's/or trade school certification.
- My sponsor served 5 years on active duty and 6 years in the reserves. Am I eligible?
  - No, only active-duty time counts toward the minimum 6 years of Submarine Service or 8 years of Submarine Support Service requirement.
- My grandfather was in the Submarine Force. Can I apply?
  - Currently, the only scholarship available to grandchildren is the USS Nautilus Scholarship for grandchildren of sponsors who served on USS Nautilus (SSN 571/SS 168) or Historic Ship Nautilus.
- I'm an active-duty Sailor. Can I apply?
  - Scholarships for active-duty Sailors are limited to crew members who have served aboard the following submarines: USS Colorado, USS Delaware, USS Hampton, USS Indiana, USS Montana, USS Oregon, and USS Washington. The USS Bowfin Scholarship is also available to those permanently assigned to a command based in Hawaii.
- Can I still receive a scholarship for a part-time course load?
  - Only spouses are eligible to take part-time coursework. They must maintain a minimum course load of 12 credit hours per semester.
- Who completes the application?
  - When starting the application, only the applicant's name and email address should be used.




## Scholarship Application FAQs

continued

- I plan to use the Post 9/11 GI Bill. Can I still receive a Dolphin Scholarship?
  - Dolphin Scholarships are the payer of last resort. If there is no financial need, the scholarship will not be awarded.
- My older sibling applied for a scholarship. Do I need to submit all the required eligibility documents?
  - Yes, DSF does not maintain eligibility records from year to year.
- When does my sponsor's submarine service begin?
  - Enlisted time begins the day they class up in BESS. Officer and nuclear-trained enlisted time begins on the first day of Prototype.
- My sponsor does not have their History of Duty Assignments. Can I use a DD-214 in place of this documentation?
  - The requested History of Duty Assignments, in the form of NAVPERS 1070/605 or an Officer Data Card, are REQUIRED. We can also accept Performance Summary Reports and Detachment of Individual Fitness Reports. A DD-214 cannot be used as a substitute in the absence of service records.
- How do I find my sponsor's history of duty assignments?
  - The history of duty assignments is available in the service members' Electronic Service Record or by contacting Navy Personnel Command to request a NAVPERS 1070/605 or Officer Data Card. For more information, visit: <https://www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records/standard-form-180.html>

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- When should I send my transcript?
  - Transcripts are accepted once Fall semester grades have been posted.
- I'm not ready to go to college. Can I apply when I'm older?
  - Yes, child applicants must be under 24 years of age on March 15th of their application year.
- How do I receive my scholarship?
  - Funds are mailed directly to your school on August 1 and December 1.

Completed applications are due March 15, 2026 at 11:59 P.M. EST.

If you have additional questions, please reach out to the DSF Scholarship Administrator at:

[scholarshipadmin@dolphinscholarship.org](mailto:scholarshipadmin@dolphinscholarship.org)

# Submarine Spouse Group Events



The Submarine Officers' Spouses' Association Charitable Association (SOSACA), in conjunction with Naval Submarine Base New London area Chief Spouses will host the 2026 Groton Silent Service Charities Auction. The auction will take place on February 21, 2026, with the theme "Periscopes Up, Pinkies Out."



The 2026 Pearl Harbor SOSA Silver and Gold Auction will take place on March 7, 2026, with the theme "The Hidden Hatch"



The SOSA - Washington Charity Association will host their Silver and Gold Charity Auction with the theme "Camp Periscope Pines" on March 7, 2026.



The 2026 Kings Bay SOSA Silver and Gold Auction will take place on February 21, 2026, with the theme "Sports Mania."

Each year, Submarine Spouse Groups across the country play an integral role in fundraising for the Dolphin Scholarship Foundation. Last year, these fundraisers contributed over \$112,000 to DSF—enough to fund over 28 scholarships! Hannah Baugh is one of those scholarship recipients and wrote to DSF to express her thanks for the financial support and encouragement the DSF family provides. She receives the Submarine Officers' Spouses' Charitable Association – Washington Scholarship.



Hannah Baugh  
2025 Selectee  
Clemson University  
Elementary Education

My name is Hannah Baugh, and I was a recipient of the SubForce Scholarship this school year. I wanted to update DSF on my first semester at Clemson University!

I loved all my classes this semester; however, I am looking forward to the spring, when I will be teaching two of my classes in local public schools. I maintained a 4.0 this semester and tried out many different clubs around campus. My favorites have been Improv Comedy and Clemson Miracle, a group that fundraises for the local children's hospital. One of the fundraisers was a Reindeer Run, held in December at the South Carolina Botanical Garden.



# 20th Annual Virginia Beach Golf Tournament

## Commander's Cup

PCU Oklahoma (SSN 802)

Aaron Stutzman  
Jonathan Ashton  
Donovan Adams  
Jacob Howell

## Second Place

Booz Allen  
Will Marshall  
Michael Horton  
Martin Sprague  
Norm Holcumb

## First Place

Redmond Asset  
Management, LLC  
Scott Redmond  
Riley Tuttle  
Ian Checero  
Orlando Long

## Third Place

COMSUBLANT  
Richard Thomas  
Bobby Knox  
Mark Sawyer  
Bob Phillips

Closest to the Pin:  
Mike Westerveld



Longest Drive:  
Matt Schecter

On October 16, 2025, DSF held its 20th Annual Golf Tournament fundraiser at the Virginia Beach National Golf Club. On this beautiful day, 76 golfers enjoyed a fun-filled day of golf, camaraderie, awards, and prizes.

Congratulations to Redmond Asset Management for taking home the 1st Place Trophy! PCU Oklahoma (SSN 802) secured the Commander's Cup, the best score for an active-duty team! Their names will be added to the Commander's Cup trophy, and a 2026 Dolphin Scholarship will be named in their honor.

We would like to thank our generous sponsors and all the golfers who came out to support DSF. Your help in raising over \$33,000 for Dolphin Scholarships is greatly appreciated by our organization and scholars. We look forward to seeing everyone at the 2026 tournament!



**Commander's Cup Winners**  
**PCU Oklahoma (SSN 802)**



**First Place**  
**Redmond Asset Management, LLC**



# Meet New DSF Board Member

Timothy Taylor is vice president of Engineering, Technology, and Design for Newport News Shipbuilding, a division of HII, located in Newport News, Virginia. Named to this position in 2025, he is responsible for all ship design, construction engineering, fleet engineering services, test engineering, and for leveraging technology to improve shipbuilder efficiency. Taylor is a Navy veteran who served as a Nuclear Machinist Mate from 1986 to 1996. He began his shipbuilding career in 1996 as a technician in the Nuclear Test Department. Since then, he has held several positions of increasing responsibility, including Shift Test Engineer, manager of the Hull, Mechanical, and Electrical testing for Carriers and Submarines, director of Test Engineering, and Sea trials director for Newport News Shipbuilding. Before his current appointment, he served as the director of Nuclear Propulsion Test.

Taylor earned a bachelor's degree in nuclear engineering technology from Excelsior University and a master's in business administration from Strayer University.



Timothy Taylor  
DSF Board of Directors

## Scholarship Updates

DSF recently endowed two additional scholarships to honor longtime supporters. Mrs. Betty Cooper served as President of the DSF Board of Directors from 1986 to 1988, while her husband, VADM Daniel L. Cooper, USN (Ret.), served as Commander, Submarine Force, US Atlantic Fleet. DSF honors the late Mrs. Cooper for her exemplary leadership and support during her tenure.

The second scholarship is named in honor of CAPT James C. Hay, USN (Ret.). Jim served on the DSF Board of Directors and Finance Committee for 25 years. In addition, he served as the Naval Submarine League (NSL) Executive Director for 2 years and as the editor of the NSL Submarine Review for 26 years. DSF chooses to honor Jim for his significant contributions not only to DSF but also to the greater submarine community as a whole.

Mrs. Katherine Pearce endowed the USS Flasher (SSN 613) and VADM Kenneth M. Carr, USN (Ret.), Scholarship with DSF. The USS Flasher was homeported in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. Mrs. Pearce chose to endow this scholarship to honor her late husband, CDR Robert G. Pearce, USN, a plank owner on USS Flasher, and VADM Carr, who took command of USS Flasher as her first commanding officer in 1966. VADM Carr was known for his outstanding leadership and genuine concern for the welfare of the USS Flasher's officers, crew, and families.

# Corporate Sponsors: We thank you for your continued support!

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## MISSION STATEMENT

The Dolphin Scholarship Foundation (DSF) believes that enhancement of both human potential and quality of life is achievable through education. Many sons, daughters, and spouses of U.S. Navy submariners face financial obstacles while pursuing undergraduate and vocational education. DSF is committed to minimizing those obstacles by assisting them in reaching their fullest potential.

## VISION STATEMENT

We envision Dolphin Scholarship Foundation to continue to be the premier military scholarship program of the United States, as evidenced by our professional management, successful fundraising efforts and continued increasing numbers and amounts of Dolphin Scholarships awarded to dependents of the Submarine Force. Through teamwork by staff and board members, we will actively seek financial support from businesses, submariners (active and retired), submarine spouse organizations, and others whose philanthropic interests are in line with the DSF mission.

## CORE VALUES

Dolphin Scholarship Foundation will be guided by the principles of fiscal integrity and accountability, confidentiality of personal information, professional business practices and behavior, and impeccable customer service to our students, parents, submariners and donors.

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## Thank you for your support!

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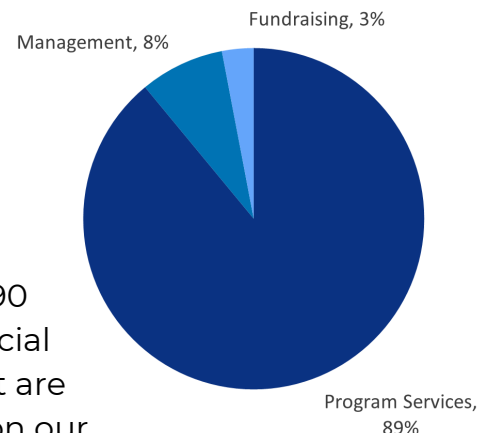
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- 2026 DSF New Scholar Reception
  - June 2026
- 14th Annual Groton Golf Tournament
  - Friday, July 17, 2026
  - Pequot Golf Club
- 21st Annual Virginia Beach Golf Tournament
  - Thursday, October 15, 2026
  - Virginia Beach National Golf Club

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