



NCOA Awards Scholarships and Betsy Ross Educational Grants

Selma, Texas – NCOA scholarships were recently awarded to six dependents of NCOA members.

Receiving NCOA scholarships for the 2024-25 school year are:

- **Elena Espada**, daughter of Navy Veteran Gabriel and Amber Espada of Bristol, WI, recipient of the Charles R. Jackson Distinguished Scholarship.
- **Laci Froncek**, daughter of Marine Corps Veteran Julianne Harper of Hubert, NC, recipient of the L.D. “Crow” Crawford Distinguished Scholarship.
- **Lexi Froncek**, daughter of Marine Corps Veteran Julianne Harper of Hubert, NC.
- **Shelby A. Goodman, Jr.**, son of MSG (USA Ret) Shelby and Tarachel Goodman of Sierra Vista, AZ.
- **Alexander Long**, son of CPO (Ret) Scott and Sharon Long of Vinton, VA, , recipient of the E.L. “Ben” Benzel Distinguished Scholarship.
- **Natel Whitaker**, son of Army Veteran Jeffrey and Naowarat Stanley of Midwest City, OK, recipient of the Walter W. Krueger Distinguished Scholarship.

The NCOA Scholarship Fund has been providing grants to children and spouses of NCOA members since 1975. To date more than \$1.5 million dollars has been committed to educating tomorrow's leaders.

The NCOA International Auxiliary also awarded three-\$500 Betsy Ross Educational Grants to Auxiliary members Nick Marigo of Santa Rosa, CA, Jozlynn Reyes of Marion, IN, and Hannah Scott of Tualatin, OR.

The Non Commissioned Officers Association (NCOA), a Military Service Organization (MSO), was created in 1960 to address quality of life issues for enlisted members of our Active, Reserve, National Guard, Retired, and Veteran members of all branches of the Armed Forces as well as their families. As we have evolved, education, work force development, employment, legislative advocacy, and the quality of life within our communities as well as the physical and mental health of our enlisted service men and women and their families have become our primary focus.