SAME Sponsorship of the 2020 US Coast Guard Academy AIM Program

**Background:** The Society of American Military Engineers (SAME) has partnered with the US Coast Guard Academy to sponsor up to ten (10) high school students by paying half the tuition costs for their attendance at the Academy Introduction Mission (AIM) Program. Regular tuition cost for AIM is $525 and includes room and board, supplies and equipment including uniform shirts and shorts.

**AIM?** The Academy Introduction Mission is an intense one-week (Sunday through Friday) immersion program for rising seniors interested in attending the U.S. Coast Guard Academy. 3 sessions are scheduled for 2020:

I: 5-10 July  
II: 12-17 July  
III: 19-24 July

**Sponsorship Eligibility:** To be eligible for SAME sponsorship a student must meet the following requirements:

- U.S. citizen and high school junior with a GPA of 3.2 or higher  
- On track to complete four years of math & English, and three years of science  
- Physically fit and able to engage in rigorous exercise  
- No history of asthma, color-blindness, or chronic illness  
- Of good character and sound mind  
- On a high school STEM track that will provide a basis for attending an accredited engineering college or university (i.e., taking appropriate STEM courses)

**Sponsorship Application Process:**

Beginning in February 2020 (exact date not yet published), interested students must fill out the formal application on the USCGA AIM website. After the application has been completed, students must notify LT Jay Shirey (Jay.M.Shirey@uscg.mil) via email that the application has been completed and they are interested in SAME sponsorship. Application and notification must be completed no later than close of business March 20, 2020 to be considered for SAME sponsorship.

Upon receipt of all applications, the SAME Narragansett Bay Post will review and select students for sponsorship. Students selected for sponsorship will be notified by May 1, 2020.

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