## Hugh Harris Scholarship

#### My Purpose

- Provide annual update to the membership
- Review/Inform membership on application procedures
- Solicit your continued support by
  - Identifying qualified applicants
  - Providing continued financial support

# Purpose of Scholarship

- Memorialize Hugh Harris
- Provide Financial Assistance to Eligible Students
- Encourage Interest in:
  Science/Engineering/Technology/Mathematics (STEM)

#### **Educational Crisis**

- In 30 Years US Public Education Dropped from No. 1 in the World to No. 29
- All-STEM Degrees (% of total awarded)

◆S. Korea: 37.8%

♦ Mexico: 28.1%

◆US: 17.6% (Engineering 6.7%)

#### Scholarship Status

- Established in 1991: Goal \$50K, to be self sustaining
  - Funds Administered by NDIA HQ.
- First Scholarship Awarded in 1992
  - ♦ One \$1000 Award in '92
  - Awarded \$59K to date
- This year's winners
  - Mark Barrett: Univ. of FL, Civil Engineering
  - ◆ Lauren Myers: Univ. of FL, Pre-Med
  - Elizabeth Gallagher: Auburn, Civil Engineering
  - Benjamin Piburn: Vanderbilt, Math/Computer Science
  - Jordan Colclasure: Yale, BioMed Engineering

#### Scholarship Schedule

- 20 January: Members identify applicants
- 1 February: Mail info packets to applicants
- 15 March: Applications to Scholarship Committee
- 1 April: Scholarship Committee ranks applicants
- 10 April: Executive Committee determines number/amount of scholarships
- Early August: NDIA issues scholarship grants

## Eligibility

- Be a US Citizen
- High school senior or graduate
- Applied to/enrolled in accredited 4 year college
- Pursuing STEM career
  - Science
  - ◆ Technical: Physics, Chemistry
  - ♦ Engineering: Aerospace, Chemical, Civil, Computer, Electrical, Industrial, Mechanical, Software
  - ♦ Mathematics

## Eligibility (continued)

- Sponsored by Targets/Ranges/UAV Division member (individual or corporate)
- Sponsored by Gulf Coast Chapter
- Recipients of full scholarships (military academy, ROTC, etc.) are ineligible
- Enrollments in 2-year community colleges are ineligible
- Complete by-laws are available upon request

#### Your Responsibilities

- Identify Potential Applicants
- Notify Scholarship Committee

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# Questions

