



Dear Students:

Each year the Naval Academy Parents Club of Long Island presents the Kent/Sisler Memorial Scholarship Awards to graduating students from Kings Park High School. These two scholarships are presented at your school's Annual Awards Ceremony, in memory of Edward P. Kent and William E. Sisler and have been in existence for over 25 years.

William Sisler attended Kings Park High School and upon graduation received an offer of appointment to the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland. Both of these fine young men lost their lives in a tragic boating accident off the coast of Kings Park in June of 1981.

If you are interested in applying for these two awards, we invite you to take the time to read about the heroic acts of William Sisler and complete the attached application.

Please return the application to Mrs. Laura Harris by the designated deadline.

Good Luck!

Naval Academy Parents Club of Long Island



## KENT-SISLER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION GUIDELINES

### ELIGIBILITY:

To be eligible to apply for the Kent-Sisler Memorial Scholarship, all applicants must:

1. Be a graduating Kings Park High School senior the year of the application.
2. Have been involved in extracurricular school activities and/or community service.
3. Plan on attending a military academy; ROTC Program or Enlist in an Armed Force Service.

### CHECK LIST:

Before submitting your application, be certain that you have included the following:

1. Application – (Part I)
2. List of Colleges or Universities to which you have applied – (Part II)
3. Two Letters of Recommendation – from extracurricular activities – (Part III)
4. Signed Student Activity Sheet – (Part III)
5. Essay of 250 words – (Part IV) Based on the following Citation

The President of the United States takes pride in presenting the NAVY and MARINE CORPS MEDAL posthumously to **MIDSHIPMAN WILLIAM E. SISLER, UNITED STATES NAVY**, for service as set forth in the following CITATION:

For heroism while boating off the coast of Kings Park, New York on 22 June 1981.

When a sudden storm capsized the boat in which he and two companions were embarked, Midshipman Sisler worked feverishly to ensure the survival of the group. Diving under the capsized boat several times to retrieve floatation devices and material with which to signal other craft, he and his shipmate attempted for over five hours to keep the third member of the trio, a weaker swimmer, afloat. With complete disregard for his own safety and fully aware of the personal dangers involved, Midshipman Sisler elected to remain with his stricken shipmate (Edward Kent) rather than swim for shore. Administering mouth-to-mouth resuscitation under the most adverse of conditions, he and his comrade succumbed to the hostile elements before help could arrive.

By this heroic, selfless action, Midshipman Sisler sacrificed his own life in an attempt to save the life of another, thereby reflecting the utmost credit upon himself and upholding the highest traditions of the UNITED STATES NAVAL SERVICE.



## KENT-SISLER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

**Applicant must plan on attending a military academy, ROTC program or  
Enlist in an Armed Force Service.**

### PART I

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

### PART II

1. Provide a list of the Universities or Colleges to which you have applied.

### PART III

1. Submit a brief resume outlining awards, achievements, volunteer work, employment, school clubs, etc., since entering Kings Park High School
2. Two letters of recommendation from any extracurricular activity supervisor.

### PART IV

Pick one of the following for your essay. After reading of the heroic acts of William Sister:

1. What does friendship mean to you?
2. Do you think that you would have had the courage to do what Midshipman William Sisler did for his friend, Edward Kent?
3. Has there ever been a time in your life that you had to be heroic?