

HII Scholarship Fund Video

Mike Petters in voice-over:

“Education created options for me. Education gave me a way to define what success might mean for me. Education helped me find the work that I love. It helped me figure out what I wanted to spend my time doing: Showing the world what was important to me.”

Narrator:

At Huntington Ingalls Industries, we’re committed to investing in our employees—and their families.

One of the most significant investments we make is in education.

In 2016, we partnered with Scholarship America to establish the HII Scholarship Fund. And after two years, the fund has awarded 220 scholarships to children of HII employees.

Although funded primarily by HII President and CEO Mike Petters’ declining his salary, but for \$1, anyone can contribute to the fund.

The program provides \$3,000 awards to students enrolled in four-year education programs, and \$1,500 awards to students enrolled in two-year programs.

Post-secondary scholarships are renewable each year for recipients who remain in good academic standing.

Charli Cabbage (University of Southern Mississippi):

I do want to go med school and that’s very expensive. So now I’ll be graduating from USM debt-free as well as hopefully, having some scholarship money to put towards med school.

Christopher Craft (Old Dominion University):

I was inspired to go to college by seeing how some of my family members who did not go to college, have found it difficult to find careers in which they really enjoy.

Natalie Ebreo (Virginia Tech)

Having this opportunity and this award allows me experiences I wouldn’t have otherwise. So, in school I’m able to focus on engineering opportunities and experiences rather than having to work to pay for education. It’s a huge help to our family as well.

Narrator:

The HII Scholarship Fund is unique in that it also provides financial support to employees with children enrolled in pre-kindergarten school readiness programs.

Mike Petters in voice-over:

“We know that pre-K enrollment in the United States is lower than it is in many other parts of the world. We need to do everything we can to set our kids up for success—as early as possible. If we don’t start at the beginning of the education pipeline, our later efforts are not as effective as they could be.”

Brian Broun (Ingalls Shipbuilding Employee)

They’re like sponges when they’re younger and they take in more than we they do. It’s good to get an early start.

John Jackson (Newport News Shipbuilding Employee)

I hope that it will provide her with opportunities to progress in her future – to do better than I did. As a parent, you always want your kids to do better than you.

Lara Traynham (HII Corporate Employee)

It really instills a sense of excitement and pride in learning, which later translates into them becoming lifetime learners.

Narrator:

While some of our scholarship recipients might follow in their parents’ footsteps and come to work for HII, we know that—whatever paths they choose—education will change their lives.

And we know that an investment in them, is an investment in the national security and the future of America.

Mike Petters in voice-over:

“Thanks for taking care of these kids. It’s noble work – it’s the best work we can do.”

Narrator:

For more information about the HII Scholarship Fund, please visit:
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