

# **Ports of Philadelphia Maritime Society**

## **Maritime Education Scholarships (ver. 4.1)**

### **DESCRIPTION of MARITIME SOCIETY**

In 1935, a group of individuals involved with maritime interests got together to form a Society, whose objects were aiding, advancing, assisting, encouraging, promoting, and otherwise supporting the development of the Port of Philadelphia. A goal was to cooperate with other ports in furthering the United States Merchant Marine and other national, state and local projects that would benefit the Port of Philadelphia. These included promoting sociability developing a fraternal spirit and interchanging information and ideas among men and women engaged in marine activities in the Port of Philadelphia. The new group was named Port of Philadelphia Maritime Society.

Through the years there have been changes to both the Constitution and the By-Laws of the Society, and in 1985, realizing the need to expand its efforts into supporting all the ports both inside and outside of the city limits, the Port of Philadelphia Maritime Society changed its name to Ports of Philadelphia Maritime Society (PPMS), thus expanding inclusion of all ports of the Delaware River and Bay.

In February 2012 the Board of Directors of the Ports of Philadelphia Maritime Society approved the forming of a standing Scholarship Committee. The Scholarship Committee is responsible for developing, administering, promoting and processing scholarship applications.

### **2017 APPLICATION DATES**

The Ports of Philadelphia Maritime Society will offer three \$1,500 scholarships to aid students and individuals to advance their education and professional skills in the maritime, marine or transportation logistics industry.

**Complete applications and supporting documents must be postmarked or received by the Society no later than March 31, 2017. The three individual awardees will be announced and contacted in April.**

**The awardees will be invited as guests of the Maritime Society to attend the Annual Maritime Day Dinner in May where the awards will be presented.**

## **DESCRIPTION of SCHOLARSHIPS**

The Ports of Philadelphia Maritime Society Scholarship (PPMS) consisting of three *individual \$1,500.00 scholarships has been approved by the Board of Directors and is* administered by the standing Scholarship Committee (SC) to fund scholarships for individuals who wish to acquire an education or advance their skills and knowledge in the Maritime, Marine, Transportation and Logistics Industry. The scholarships are awarded on a competitive basis and in accordance with the requirements and rules stipulated by the Board of Directors of the Ports of Philadelphia Maritime Society. Scholarship recipients are selected by the Scholarship Award Committee (SAC). The SAC each year is composed of two (2) members of the standing Scholarship Committee (SC) and two (2) volunteer Board of Director members and the President of the Society.

**Individuals applying should reside come from the TRI-STATE area (Pennsylvania, New Jersey Delaware) your training institution may be located in any state.**

Scholarships will be awarded to Applicants for the following categories:

- Tuition for Maritime School, College or University (Academic Degree).
- Tuition for Marine Trade School (Non Academic Degree)
- Tuition for USCG required training for Maritime Original License / Document or Upgrade (Not a Renewal).
- Tuition for a Maritime, Marine, Transportation or Logistics related professional development training course.

## **REQUIRED CRITERIA FOR INDIVIDUAL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT CATAGORIES**

### **A) High School Student Seeking Maritime, Marine, Transportation Logistics Education**

(Submit following documents with Scholarship Application)

- Letter from High School Officer confirming June graduation and attesting to the student current cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA).
- Letter of acceptance from a recognized maritime program, college or university.
- Letter of Recommendation from a member in good standing from the Ports of Philadelphia Maritime Society (**Recommended if you know a member**)
- Maritime Essay Questions: Answer the three questions on the application

**B) Individual Seeking Post-Secondary Academic Degree or Non Academic Degree training in a Maritime, Marine, Transportation or Logistics Related Field**

(Submit following with Scholarship Application)

- School transcript (current) from college or graduate school showing the current cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA)
- Letter of acceptance from the educational institution if not currently enrolled.
- Letter of Recommendation from a member in good standing from the Ports of Philadelphia Maritime Society. **(Recommended if you know a member)**
- Maritime Essay Questions; Answer the three questions on the application in short paragraph form.

**C) Individuals seeking additional USCG required training for an Original License, Document or Upgrade (Not a Renewal).**

(Submit following with Scholarship Application)

- Acceptance letter from the training institution
- Letter of Recommendation from a member in good standing from the Ports of Philadelphia Maritime Society. **(Recommended if you know one)**
- Letter of Recommendation from the applicant's current employer

**D) Individual attending a Professional Marine/Maritime/Port Related Training Course.**

(Submit following with Scholarship Application)

- Acceptance letter from the training institution
- Letter of Recommendation from a member in good standing from the Ports of Philadelphia Maritime Society. **(Recommended if you know one)**
- Letter of Recommendation from the applicant's current employer

**APPLICATION PROCESS**

Interested students and individuals should apply by downloading the application form on the Ports of Philadelphia Maritime Society (PPMS) web site, [www.philamaritimesociety.com](http://www.philamaritimesociety.com).

**It is the Applicant's responsibility to arrange for all supporting documentation listed above to be with the application. All material must be received by the required deadlines.**

**Incomplete or late applications will not be accepted.**

**The completed application and required documentation shall be postmarked or submitted no later March 31, 2017 Submit online or by mail to**

**The Ports of Philadelphia Maritime Society  
Maritime Scholarships  
P.O. Box 39744, Philadelphia, PA 19106**