

Ports of Philadelphia Maritime Society

Maritime Education Scholarships 2020

ABOUT the MARITIME SOCIETY

In 1935, a group of individuals involved with maritime interests got together to form a Society, whose objectives 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 (POPMS), 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.

2020 APPLICATION DATES

The Ports of Philadelphia Maritime Society will offer from three to five \$1,500 scholarships to aid students and individuals 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, 2020. The 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 at which time the awards will be presented.

DESCRIPTION of SCHOLARSHIPS

The Ports of Philadelphia Maritime Society Scholarship (POPMS) consisting of three and up to five individual \$1,500.00 scholarships has been approved by the Board of Governors. Selected scholarship awardees will be individuals who are pursuing an education, or are advancing their professional 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 six members of the standing Scholarship Committee (SC) (Immediate Past two Presidents) and three (3) volunteer Board of Governors members and the current President of the Society.

Individuals applying should reside (Home of Residence) or work within from the TRI-STATE area (Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware). Your training institution may be located in any state.

SCHOLARSHIP CATEGORIES and REQUIRED APPLICATION INFORMATION

- A) Tuition for High School Student Seeking Maritime, Marine, Transportation Logistics Education (College Academic Degree)**
- Completed Scholarship Application
 - Most current high school transcript
 - 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) Tuition for Post High School Student/Cadet in Academic Degree or Non- Academic Degree program in a Maritime, Marine, Transportation or Logistics Related Field**
- Completed Scholarship Application
 - School transcript (current) from college, training facility or graduate school showing the current cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA)
 - Letter of acceptance from the educational institution if not currently enrolled and providing transcript.
 - 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) Tuition towards USCG required training for an Original License, Document or Upgrade (Not a Renewal)

- Completed 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 a member) AND/OR**
- Letter of Recommendation from the applicant's current employer

D) Tuition towards attending a Professional Marine/Maritime/Port Related Professional Development Training Course

- Completed 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 a member) AND/OR**
- Letter of Recommendation from the applicant's current employer

APPLICATION PROCESS

Interested candidates may download the application form from the Ports of Philadelphia Maritime Society (POPMS) web site, www.philamaritimesociety.com.

It is the Applicant's responsibility to arrange for all supporting documentation listed above to be with the application package. 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, 2020 by email or mail to either.

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