



## Ports of Philadelphia Maritime Society

### 2026 Scholarship Program

Founded in 1935, the Ports of Philadelphia Maritime Society has been awarding scholarships to Pennsylvania, Delaware and New Jersey residents and employees seeking education and advancement funding in the local Maritime Industry since 2012.

**Up to SIX SCHOLARSHIPS** have been approved for this year, in the amount of \$4,000.00 each. Scholarships will be awarded in May. All applicants will either receive a letter with notice of award or a request to apply again next year.

THERE ARE **THREE CATEGORIES** of scholarships. Scholarship funds will be directly applied as indicated.

1. **INDUSTRY DEGREE** (CURRENT OR FUTURE COLLEGE/ACADEMY STUDENT) – Tuition for Post High School Student in Degree Program in a Higher Education Marine, Maritime, Engineering, Naval Architecture, Transportation or Logistics. Scholarship funds will be applied directly to the institution specified for tuition purposes.
2. **MARINER ADVANCEMENT** – Tuition and expenses toward USCG required training for an original credential, license, or upgrade (not a renewal)\*\*
3. **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT** – Tuition and expenses toward attendance in a Certificated Professional Development Course related to Marine, Maritime or Port-Related Subject and or related employment. \*\*

**\*\* Amount of scholarship will be based on expenses including, but not limited to courses, associated costs for travel, other incidentals. All costs must include receipts. The timeframe for these costs to be incurred shall be 6 months prior to the award and 12 months after the award to claim your scholarship.**

**TO APPLY**, complete the desired category application page along with the requirements listed on that specific application. All documents must have the applicant's name in the title, and all required documents should be attached to one email. Incomplete applications will not be accepted.

**Completed applications are due April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026.**

If you have previously been awarded a scholarship from the Society, please state that on your application. If you were awarded a scholarship for the previous year, we ask that you do not apply this year and allow for others to have the opportunity. Please wait and apply for next year. **If you applied previously and were not awarded a scholarship, please state that on your application.**

Complete applications with applicant name in the title on each supporting document will **ONLY** be accepted via email to the following: (one email with all attachments is required to be considered complete)

[info@portsofphilamaritimesociety.com](mailto:info@portsofphilamaritimesociety.com)

## 1. INDUSTRY DEGREE (CURRENT OR FUTURE COLLEGE/ACADEMY STUDENT)

*Tuition for Post High School Student in a Higher Education Degree Program in Marine, Maritime, Engineering, Naval Architecture, Transportation or Logistics*

Please include the following to complete your application and submit with this page.

- Current High School or College Transcript that includes GPA
- High School Student Only** - Letter from High School Officer Confirming graduation date and current GPA
- High School Student Only** - Letter of Acceptance from recognized maritime program, college or university
- Complete the additional form labeled Industry Degree Student.**
- Essay Question Responses (**Respond to ALL**):
  1. What event or individual influenced you to seek an education or career in the marine/maritime/transportation/logistics field?
  2. What are your intended plans upon completion of your course of study?
  3. Why do you feel that you are a good candidate for this scholarship?
  4. What recommendations would you give a young person who asked you about your education or career choice?
- Letter of Recommendation from a member in good standing from the Ports of Philadelphia Maritime Society (POPMS) (**Optional, additional credit will be given if included**)

NAME: (first, middle, last) \_\_\_\_\_

HOME ADDRESS: (street) \_\_\_\_\_

(city, state, zip) \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

SCHOOL PRESENTLY ATTENDING: \_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT AT SCHOOL: (name) \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you previously applied for the Maritime Society Scholarship: \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

Have you previously been awarded a Maritime Society Scholarship: \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

If Yes, what year were you awarded a scholarship? \_\_\_\_\_

## Industry Degree Student

This form must be completed and returned with your application. If you are awarded a scholarship, you will be notified and we will issue a check to the college/institution listed below.

You will also receive a five-year membership to the Ports of Philadelphia Maritime Society.

### SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

RECIPIENT NAME HOME ADDRESS

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CELL PHONE # PERSONAL E-MAIL

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ADDITIONAL E-MAIL

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### COLLEGE / INSTITUTION INFORMATION

COLLEGE NAME

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ATTENTION  
ADDRESS

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STUDENT ID NUMBER

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## 2. MARINER ADVANCEMENT

***Tuition and expenses towards USCG required training for an original credential, license, or upgrade (not a renewal)***

Please include the following to complete your application and submit with this page.

- Acceptance Letter from training institution
- Letter of Recommendation from current employer (if not currently employed, a letter of recommendation from a prior employer)
- Complete the additional form labeled Marine Advancement/Professional Development.***
- Essay Question Responses (**Respond to ALL**):
  1. What event or individual influenced you to seek an education or career in the marine/maritime/transportation/logistics field?
  2. What are your intended plans upon completion of your course of study?
  3. Why do you feel that you are a good candidate for this scholarship?
  4. What recommendations would you give a young person who asked you about your education or career choice?
- Letter of Recommendation from a member in good standing from the Ports of Philadelphia Maritime Society (POPMS) (**Optional, additional credit will be given if included**)

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HOME ADDRESS: (street) \_\_\_\_\_

(city, state, zip) \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

EMPLOYER (current or most recent): \_\_\_\_\_

JOB TITLE (current or most recent): \_\_\_\_\_

Have you previously applied for the Maritime Society Scholarship: \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

Have you previously been awarded a Maritime Society Scharship: \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

If Yes, what year were you awarded a scholarship? \_\_\_\_\_

### 3. PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

***Tuition and expenses towards attendance to a certificated Professional Development or Trade Course related to Marine, Maritime or Port-Related Subject and or employment.***

Please include the following to complete your application and submit with this page.

- Acceptance Letter from training institution
- Letter of Recommendation from current employer (if not currently employed, a letter of recommendation from a prior employer)
- Complete the additional form labeled Marine Advancement/Professional Development.***
- Essay Question Responses (**Respond to ALL**):
  1. What event or individual influenced you to seek an education or career in the marine/maritime/transportation/logistics field?
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EMPLOYER (current or most recent): \_\_\_\_\_

JOB TITLE (current or most recent): \_\_\_\_\_

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Have you previously been awarded a Maritime Society Scharship: \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

If Yes, what year were you awarded a scholarship? \_\_\_\_\_

## MARINER ADVANCEMENT / PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

This form must be completed and included with your application. If awarded a scholarship you will need to submit receipts as listed on the cover of this application. As part of the scholarship, you will also receive a five-year membership to the Ports of Philadelphia Maritime Society

### SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

RECIPIENT NAME

COMPANY NAME

HOME ADDRESS

CELL PHONE # PERSONAL E-MAIL

ADDITIONAL E-MAIL