



2020 Collegiate Scholarship Application

The Port of Houston Partners in Maritime Education is designed to inform and educate Houston area students about career opportunities in the maritime industry, and to institute and promote maritime educational programs in area school districts that will create a conduit from public school through college for bringing young people into a broad array of maritime careers.

The Port of Houston Partners in Maritime Education Collegiate Scholarship Recipients are students who are seeking Associate or Bachelor degrees in Marine STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math), Maritime Logistic, Transportation, Distribution, or other related Maritime fields of study and have demonstrated leadership, academic excellence, and community stewardship. Scholarship Recipients are required to be full-time students at a college or university and maintain a minimum 2.5 G.P.A.

The awards will be disbursed in two allotments; one in the Fall semester and one in the Spring semester.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

May 1, 2020	Application Deadline
June 1, 2020	Selection Notification

GENERAL SCHOLARSHIP REQUIREMENTS & GUIDELINES

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

To be eligible to apply for, or to be awarded a Scholarship, an applicant must be:

1. A citizen or resident of the United States. If the applicant's transcript reflects a place of birth other than the United States, appropriate proof of citizenship must be furnished (i.e., a copy of the photo page of a valid U. S. passport, a copy of Naturalization Certificate or a birth certificate for U. S. Citizen Born Abroad). Applications submitted without proof of citizenship will not be considered;
2. A permanent resident of Houston and or the surrounding Gulf Coast region;
3. A graduating Senior at a local Public or Private High School;

4. A current Senior in High School, graduating in June 2020, that will be pursuing a degree in the Marine STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math), Maritime Logistic, Transportation, Distribution, or other related Maritime fields of study;

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A current student at a Community College and or University currently pursuing a degree in the Marine STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math), Maritime Logistic, Transportation, Distribution, or other related Maritime fields of study;

5. A current G.P.A. of 2.5; Provide verification of GPA at the completion of the current semester;
6. Provide two letters of reference;
7. Deadline for application to be postmarked **May 1, 2020**.

GUIDELINES:

Selection Criteria: Applicants will be judged with equal emphasis on (1) educational preparation of candidate, (2) desire of the candidate to attend, (3) community and/or civic involvement, (4) financial need and (5) content and completeness of application.

Selection Process: Winners will be selected by the Port of Houston Partners in Maritime Education Scholarship Committee. Top candidates will be selected on the basis of written applications. If necessary interviews will be conducted to finalize recipients.

Confidentiality: All information submitted by the applicant will be held in strict confidence by the scholarship committee and used only with the prior consent of the applicant.

Award Winners: The scholarship is not transferable and may not be sold or used by anyone other than the applicant. The scholarship will be awarded to the selected students upon presentation of an acceptance letter from the intended university or college. Half of the scholarship money will be applied to the Fall semester and the remaining half will be applied to the Spring semester. Additionally, all awardees will be required to participate in a Port of Houston Partners in Maritime Education event during the awarded school year.



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List extracurricular activities currently involved in:

List community and/or civic activities currently involved in:

Are you currently employed? No Yes

If so, describe your job: _____

How did you hear about this scholarship? _____

ESSAY QUESTION *(Attach additional sheets as needed)*

In 100 words or one page, write an essay explaining why you feel you should be the recipient of a scholarship from the Port of Houston Partners in Maritime Education. (TYPE RESPONSE REQUIRED.)



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Applicant Name: _____

CERTIFICATION BY APPLICANT AND AUTHORIZATION FOR VERIFICATION

I hereby certify that the statements contained in this application are true, accurate and complete and that I presently meet all eligibility requirements set forth in this application. (Note: Any false statement in this application shall constitute grounds for revocation or withdrawal of any awarded scholarship.)

If selected to receive a Port of Houston Partners in Maritime Education Scholarship, I understand I am expected to enroll in an accredited college or university in the State of Texas.

I have read and fully understand the eligibility and guidelines for the Port of Houston Partners in Maritime Education Scholars Program. I understand that if I do not attend an accredited Texas college or university, I will forfeit my scholarship award. I also understand that if I do not maintain a 2.5 G.P.A. and full-time status, my Spring semester award will be forfeited.

I hereby authorize any person, firm, school or entity to release to the Port of Houston Partners in Maritime Education Scholars Program, or their authorized representatives, information concerning the subject matter of the statements I have made in this application, including, but not limited to, information concerning my current and future academic records and status (both high school and college), activities, honors and awards, citizenship, residency, and financial situation (specifically including all financial aid). If selected as a recipient, a copy of this authorization is agreed by the undersigned to have the same effect and force as the original. Any person, firm, school or entity releasing matters pursuant to this authorization is hereby absolved from any liability.

The undersigned GRANTS PERMISSION to be PHOTOGRAPHED or INTERVIEWED in connection with this application or any potential award of the Port of Houston Partners in Maritime Education Scholarship. The undersigned understands that any such photograph or interview may be used by the Port of Houston Partners in Maritime Education, or their authorized representatives in television, film, visual, graphic, electronic, printed or other media. The undersigned agrees to RELEASE, INDEMNIFY and HOLD HARMLESS the Port of Houston Partners in Maritime Education with respect to any and all claims related to the usage of such photographs or interviews by the Port of Houston Partners in Maritime Education or any other media.

Signature of Applicant: _____ **Date** _____

Signature of Parent or Guardian: _____ **Date** _____

APPLICATION CHECKLIST



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Make sure to include all of the following:

- 2020 Scholarship Application**
- Essay Question Response**
- Certification by Applicant and Authorization for Verification**
- Transcript with School Official Name and Contact Information to be used for verification**
- 2 Letters of Reference**

**Submit application to: Port of Houston Partners in Maritime Education
Scholarship Committee
111 East Loop North
Houston, TX 77029**

Attn: Jacquie Young-Hall

APPLICATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY
May 1, 2020
NO LATE APPLICATIONS WILL BE PROCESSED