



The Scholarship Program provides financial support to students who are excelling in maritime studies in college or graduate school and to high school seniors who are interested in pursuing such studies.

Top one-time Scholarship Awards of \$10,000 are paid directly to schools as tuition reimbursement Scholarships.

Each year multiple one-time Scholarship Awards ranging from \$1,500 - \$5,000 are also awarded and made payable directly to the student.

For 2024 the CMA Education Foundation received a generous one-time grant from First10Forward (First10Forward.com). In keeping with their mission, **the CMA EF has set aside for 2024, two \$15,125 scholarships for women currently studying at a maritime academy and pursuing both a maritime degree and a USCG Third Mate or Third Assistant Engineer License.** Eligible students for this special 2024 scholarship must have successfully completed at least one full year of undergraduate studies and are actively pursuing a license as indicated above. Awards for these two scholarships will be paid directly to the student's school account as tuition reimbursement and can be used for academics, school fees and/or sea term.

All applications are reviewed by the CMA Education Foundation Scholarship Committee and awards are approved by the Board of Directors.

Winners will be based on quality of essay or video submission, academic achievement, faculty reference and those who best demonstrate their interest in a career in the maritime industry. For the top scholarship awards applicants may be invited for an interview via Zoom.

Eligible Students:

- Undergraduate and graduate school students in the United States at maritime academies (including deck, engine, and non-regimental students) or at colleges and universities that have maritime related degree programs.
- High school students enrolled in schools in the United States with maritime related programs.
- Students in their final year of high school or college if they are pursuing a maritime related education or career upon completion of their current program.
- Maritime professionals who are continuing their education while working in the maritime industry.



Process:

- **All submissions of files, videos and/or photos should be titled with the student's first and last name.**
- **Applications must include:**
 1. **Application form,**
 2. **website/press release form,**
 3. **an original non-AI generated essay or alternatively a video essay, answering one of the specified questions,**
 4. **one reference letter from a faculty member,**
 5. **a resume,**
 6. **picture of the applicant.**
- **Completed applications should be submitted to Beth Wilson-Jordan at Beth@cma-edu.org any time on or before 12:00PM EST Sunday, March 24, 2024.**
- **Applications are reviewed by the CMA EF Scholarship Committee, interviews scheduled and conducted as needed, and awards approved by the Board of Directors.**
- **Recipients are notified and awards announced and distributed by June 2024.**



Scholarship Program: Completed applications are due to Beth Wilson-Jordan at Beth@cma-edu.org any time **before 12:00PM EST Sunday, March 24, 2024**. Please send attachments titled as your **first and last name**. Contact Beth with any questions.

Date of Submission	
Student Name	
Expected Date of Graduation	
Mailing Address	
Email Address	
Cell Phone Number	
Name of School (if high school , please also include expected school after graduation)	
Degree Program	
Current GPA	
Number of Completed Credits and Total Credits Needed To Complete Degree	
Faculty Reference Name, Title, Email	
Faculty Phone Number and Email Address	



In addition to one faculty reference, the completed application form, website/press release form, resume and photo, student applicants should write an original non-AI generated essay of approximately 750 words answering one of the questions below. Alternatively, students may submit a video essay, in lieu of the written essay, answering one of the questions below. Videos should not exceed 4 minutes in length and be submitted preferably via a YouTube link. Videos should be titled with student first and last name.

High School Student Applicants:

1. What inspires and interests you about the maritime industry? Why do you want to pursue it as a course of study?

Current Undergraduate Student Applicants (choose one):

1. While pursuing your maritime related studies what has most interested you and why?
2. In what area of the maritime industry do you see yourself working, contributing to and why?
3. How can we attract top, diverse, talent to this industry to alleviate the shortage of mariners?

Graduate Student Applicants (choose one):

1. How will your maritime career or focus be impacted by your graduate studies?
2. What are the top drivers of change impacting the maritime industry? Where do you fit into the equation?

2024 Female Scholarship Applicants:

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Students Who Have Received a Prior CMA EF Scholarship:

Students who have received a previous CMA EF scholarship award are asked in addition to their written or video essay above, to send a separate short video (2 minutes or less) or written testimonial on what your previous scholarship meant to you and how it helped. **Please title submissions with first and last name.**



Website, Publications, Social Media, and Press Release

I, [print name] _____, give the CMA Education Foundation (“CMA EF”) and its agents and assigns, permission to use my name, location, school information, statements, likeness, image, voice, and/or appearance as such may be embodied in any written materials, photographs, video recordings, audio recordings, digital images and related media that are received, taken, or made on behalf of CMA EF as a result of its activities, including but not limited to the award of scholarships, fundraising activities, promotion of the maritime industry, and other actions set forth in the Bylaws of the CMAEF.

The CMA EF may use my information, statements and likenesses for any purpose consistent with its Mission, including, but not limited to press releases, bulletins, publications, advertisements, and promotional and/or educational materials, in any medium now known or later developed, including the internet.

I agree that CMA EF shall have complete ownership of these prepared materials which may include my information described herein.

I acknowledge that I will not receive compensation for the use of my information described herein, and I hereby release the CMA EF, its agents and assigns from any and all claims which arise from or are in any way related to the uses described herein.

I give my consent to CMA EF to use my name and likeness to promote the CMA EF, its mission, and its activities in furtherance of that mission.

Print Name, Signature and Date

Parent/Legal Guardian Name, Signature and Date (if individual signing above is under age 18)