



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 in college. The Jim Lawrence Memorial Scholarship provides financial support for students across a broader spectrum of degree programs including non-maritime programs. (See eligibility requirements.)

Scholarship awards range from **\$500 to \$20,000 each**. In addition to multiple general maritime scholarships, the CMA Education Foundation in 2026 is pleased to introduce two additional special scholarships: The **Jim Lawrence Memorial Scholarship and the Castrol Engineering Scholarship**. The **Jim Lawrence Memorial Scholarship, a \$20,000 award**, was created to honor the legacy of Jim Lawrence, a maritime entrepreneur (Marine Money, MTI Network, International Marketing Strategies, Inc), founding member of the Connecticut Maritime Association (CMA) and the CMA Shipping Conference, Director of the CMA Education Foundation and ambassador for the global maritime community. You can read more about Jim Lawrence on the website www.cma-edu.org.

The **Castrol Engineering Scholarship a \$2,500 award** was created to support the next generation of marine engineers at SUNY Maritime College in New York. Castrol provides lubricants and services to the marine, automotive and industrial sectors (www.castrol.com). See the eligibility requirements below.

Scholarship awards ranging from \$7,500 to \$20,000 are paid directly to schools as tuition reimbursement while scholarship awards ranging from \$500 to \$5,000 are awarded and made payable directly to the student. 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 and substance of essay or video submission, faculty reference, academic achievement 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.

Students who receive awards are permitted to apply again if eligibility requirements are met. Students may also apply for multiple types of scholarships in the same year i.e. general maritime, Jim Lawrence Memorial and Castrol Engineering if eligibility requirements are met.

Eligibility Requirements for General Scholarships Due on or before March 22, 2026 at 11am EST:

- Undergraduate and graduate school students in the United States at maritime academies (including deck, engine, logistics, non-regimental or non-license 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 at a U.S. institution if they are pursuing a maritime related education or career upon completion of their current program.
- Maritime professionals who are continuing their maritime education while working in the maritime industry.

Eligibility Requirements for the Jim Lawrence Memorial Scholarship Due on or before February 10, 2026 at 11am EST:

- Undergraduate or graduate school students attending an accredited institution in the United States pursuing any of the following degrees: International Relations/Studies; International Politics; Global Studies; Communications; Finance; Economics; Maritime Transportation; Maritime Logistics; or Marine Engineering.
- Qualities that Jim Lawrence possessed that the Scholarship Committee is seeking in candidates include a community builder, leader, positive, outgoing, energetic, curious, inspiring, charismatic, encouraging, entrepreneurial and/or inclusive.

Eligibility Requirements for the Castrol Engineering Scholarship Due March 22, 2026 at 11am EST:

- Eligible applicants must be students enrolled at SUNY Maritime College pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Marine Engineering and a U.S. Coast Guard Third Assistant Engineer's license and have completed at least one seaboard training experience.

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 the specified questions,
 4. one reference letter from a faculty member, (Jim Lawrence Memorial Scholarship requires two letters of recommendation from a faculty member, coach and/or employer)
 5. a resume,
 6. picture of the applicant, please label photo file with first and last name.
- Completed applications for the General Maritime Scholarships and the Castrol Engineering Scholarship should be submitted to Beth Wilson-Jordan at Beth@cma-edu.org any time on or before 11:00 AM EST Sunday, March 22, 2026.
- Completed applications for the Jim Lawrence Memorial Scholarship should be submitted to Beth Wilson-Jordan at Beth@cma-edu.org any time on or before 11:00AM EST on February 10, 2026.
- Applications are reviewed by the CMA EF Scholarship Committee, interviews scheduled and conducted as needed, and awards approved by the Board of Directors.
- General and Castrol Engineering scholarship recipients are notified and awards announced and distributed by June 2026.
- Jim Lawrence Memorial Scholarship recipient will be notified by March 2, 2026, and the award made at the CMA Shipping Conference on March 12, 2026.

Scholarship Application Form: Completed applications should be sent to Beth Wilson-Jordan at Beth@cma-edu.org.
All file attachments should start with your first and last name.

Enter the Scholarship(s) for which you are applying: General Maritime, Castrol Engineering, and/or Jim Lawrence Memorial and the date of submission	
Student First and Last Name	
Expected Date of Graduation (If High School also list expected date of College Graduation)	
Full Mailing Address- Street, Apartment, City, State, Zip Code	
Email Address	
Cell Phone Number	
Name of Current School (if currently attending high school , please also include the expected school after high school graduation)	
Degree(s) you are pursuing U.S. Coast Guard License you are pursuing, if applicable	
Current Grade Point Average (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 the designated question(s) below. Alternatively, students may submit a video essay, in lieu of the written essay, answering the designated questions below. Videos should not exceed 4 minutes in length and be submitted to Beth@cma-edu.org with a YouTube link. Videos should be titled with student first and last name.

Students who have received a previous CMA EF scholarship award are asked to send a short video (2 minutes or less) on what your previous CMA EF Scholarship meant to you and how it helped or a written testimonial (two or three sentences) of the same. Please title submissions with first and last name.

High School Students applying for one of the General Maritime Scholarships should answer the following:

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

College and Graduate Students applying for one of the General Maritime Scholarships should answer the following:

1. How is the current technology, geopolitical or economic landscape shaping **your** future?



Castrol Engineering Scholarship: Castrol (www.Castrol.com) provides lubricants and related services to the marine, automotive, and industrial sectors. This \$2,500 scholarship supports the next generation of marine engineers pursuing third assistant engineer's licenses at SUNY Maritime College in New York. **Eligible applicants must be enrolled at SUNY Maritime College pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Marine Engineering and a U.S.C.G. Third Assistant Engineer's license and have completed at least one seaboard training experience.** Student's applying for the Castrol Engineering Scholarship should address **both** questions listed below and submitted complete applications to Beth@cma-edu.org on or before 11AM EST March 22, 2026.

1. What or who inspired you to pursue marine engineering?
2. Share a hands-on shipboard learning experience that you have had while enrolled at SUNY Maritime College.



Jim Lawrence Memorial Scholarship: This \$20,000 scholarship was created to honor the legacy of Jim Lawrence, a maritime entrepreneur (Marine Money, MTI Networks, International Marketing Strategies, Inc.) and ambassador for the global maritime community, founding member of the Connecticut Maritime Association (CMA) and the CMA Shipping Conference, director of the CMA Education Foundation and force of positive energy. Eligible applicants must be enrolled in undergraduate or graduate school at a U.S. institution pursuing a degree in one of the following: International Relations/Studies; International Politics; Global Studies; Communications; Finance; Economics; Maritime Transportation; Maritime Logistics; or Marine Engineering. The applicants should possess some of the qualities we miss most about Jim Lawrence such as community builder, leader, positive, outgoing, energetic, curious, inspiring, charismatic, encouraging, entrepreneurial and/or inclusive. Student's applying for this generous scholarship should address **both** of the questions listed below and submit complete applications (application form, essays, two letter of references (one should be from a faculty member and the other can be from an employer, coach or other), resume, photo, press release form) to Beth@cma-edu.org on or before 11AM EST February 10, 2026.

1. Choose two of the qualities Jim Lawrence possessed i.e. community builder, leader, positive, outgoing, energetic, curious, inspiring, charismatic, encouraging, entrepreneurial and/or inclusive and share how you embody these qualities.
2. Who or what inspired you to pursue your current course of study and how do you see yourself using it after graduation?

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)