

# Mobile Maritime Leadership Scholarship (MMLS)



## Scholarship Application Packet

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## INSTRUCTIONS TO APPLICANTS

Thank you for your interest in applying for the Mobile Maritime Leadership Scholarship (MMLS). This application package will provide instructions for applying for the scholarship, information on eligibility criteria, and other important information relating to the award of the scholarship. An application form is included at the end of this package.

The MMLS fund was established in 2009 to recognize and promote leadership in the maritime industry, specifically in the Port of Mobile, Alabama. The scholarship program is intended to provide financial assistance to students who have demonstrated high levels of academic performance and leadership and who intend to further their education in the maritime field. The scholarship is made possible through the generous donations of the Propeller Club of Mobile, Alabama and the Seamen's Foundation of Mobile and a local anonymous maritime industry business owner.

The MMLS is awarded annually and may be offered to one or more recipients. The total amount awarded will be decided on an annual basis, by the Scholarship Committee, based on available funds. The total scholarship award can be given to one recipient, or dividend amongst multiple recipients at the Committee's discretion.

### Section 1 - Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible to participate in the MMLS Program, the candidate, at the time of application, must be a current or prospective full-time student of an accredited community college, trade school, four-year college/university, or a full time student seeking an advanced degree (beyond a bachelor's degree) at an accredited college/university. Henceforth, the above mentioned institutions will be referenced as a "Qualifying Educational Institution". Scholarship winners are not eligible to receive the MMLS in subsequent years. Scholarship applicants, if not selected to win the scholarship, are encouraged to reapply in subsequent years.

### Section 2 - Selection Criteria

The recipient(s) of the MMLS will be selected by an independent *ad hoc* Scholarship Committee appointed by the Board of Governors of the Propeller Club of Mobile, Alabama. The recipient(s) will be selected by the Scholarship Committee based upon the following criteria: (in no particular order)

- (a) Academic performance as demonstrated by an official transcript of grades from the applicant's high school, college/university;
- (b) Official test scores from the ACT and/or SAT;
- (c) Demonstrated leadership experience in extra-curricular activities, with priority given to experience and leadership in maritime-related organizations;

- (d) Intended course of study and how it relates to a career path relevant to the maritime community.
- (e) Acceptance into or current attendance at a qualifying educational institution.
- (f) Connection of the applicant to the Port of Mobile, Alabama; to include apprenticeships, internships and any possible work applicant has done with local maritime organizations/businesses.
- (g) Applicant's financial needs as described to the Committee in the application.

In awarding the scholarship, priority will be given to applicants pursuing areas of study leading to a career in the maritime field; specifically in the local (Mobile, AL) maritime industry.

The Scholarship Committee of the Propeller Club of Mobile, Alabama has the sole discretion for choosing the scholarship recipient(s) based upon its evaluation of all eligible applicants according to the criteria listed above.

### Section 3 - Amount of Scholarship

As mentioned in the "Instructions to Applicants"; the total amount awarded will be decided on an annual basis, by the Scholarship Committee, based on available funds. The total scholarship award can be given to one recipient, or dividend amongst multiple recipients at the Committee's sole discretion.

### Section 4 - Payment of the Scholarship(s) and Use of Scholarship Funds

The Scholarship Committee will pay the recipient(s) the scholarship amount within six months following announcement of the scholarship award winner(s). Scholarship recipient(s) must request payment via email or letter to the Scholarship Committee, and provide the Committee evidence of enrollment in the Qualifying Educational Institution to be eligible for payment. Failure to apply for the payment, or request extension of the payment period, within six months of the announcement of the award, will result in loss of the scholarship.

The scholarship funds may be used to cover the cost of the tuition, school fees, books, and room and board of the scholarship recipient while he or she is enrolled at the qualifying educational institution.

Neither the Propeller Club of Mobile, the Seamen's Foundation of Mobile or other donors accept any responsibility for the conduct, personal affairs, debts or obligations of a scholarship recipient(s), and they shall not be liable therefor, in any manner.

### Section 5 - Selection of Qualifying Educational Institution

The scholarship recipient(s) must attend a qualifying educational institution, which does not permit discrimination based on race, creed, color or national origin in:

- (a) Its overall enrollment policy;
- (b) Enrollment for any part of its curriculum; or
- (c) The use of any of its facilities.

Application for a scholarship does not constitute application for admission to a qualifying educational institution. It is the responsibility of the scholarship recipient(s) to apply for admission to a qualifying educational institution and to fulfill all the admission requirements.

#### Section 6 - Obligations of Scholarship Recipient(s)

The scholarship recipient(s) must enroll in a qualifying educational institution not later than the fall of the year following receipt of the scholarship. Except for military service, illness or other exceptional and extenuating circumstances, the scholarship recipient(s) will be required to provide evidence of enrollment at the qualifying educational institution as stated in Section 4. If the scholarship recipient(s) intention of enrollment is interrupted by involuntary military service or extenuating circumstance, the scholarship will be held in abeyance during such military service or extenuating circumstance. The scholarship recipient(s) should notify the Scholarship Committee upon discharge from military service and give evidence of re-enrollment (or explanation of extenuating circumstance).

#### Section 7 - Application Procedure

To apply for the MMLS, applicants should complete and submit the Scholarship Application upon the “open period” as announced by the Propeller Club.

The above materials should be submitted to the Scholarship Committee of the Propeller Club of Mobile at the following address. Additionally, the Propeller Club may provide an on-line version to submit applications.

Propeller Club of Mobile, Alabama  
Mobile Maritime Leadership Scholarship  
Post Office Box 1631  
Mobile, Alabama 36633

The recipient(s) of the MMLS will be notified prior to the annual meeting of Propeller Club. The recipients will be recognized at the annual meeting or other Propeller Club luncheons/meetings. Payment of the scholarship shall happen according to the procedure listed in Section 4 of this packet.

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## Scholarship Program Application

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: \_\_\_\_\_

High School Attended: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_

List of Extra-Curricular Activities and Positions Held (attach additional sheets):

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List Work Experience (attach additional sheets):

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Additionally, please provide the following:

1. Intended course of study and how it relates to a career path relevant to the maritime community.
2. Proof of acceptance into or current attendance at a qualifying educational institution.
3. Connection of the applicant to the Port of Mobile, Alabama; to include apprenticeships, internships and/or work done in the local maritime industry.
5. Official transcript of grades from the applicant's high school, college/university.
6. Official test scores from ACT and/or SAT
7. Please describe any specific financial need where this scholarship will be helpful in paying for education.

Intended Qualifying Educational Institution: \_\_\_\_\_

Anticipated Course of Study: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_