

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.

The MMLS is awarded annually and may be offered to one or more recipients. The total amount awarded will not exceed \$7,500 in any one scholarship year; for one recipient or divided amongst all recipients.

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 *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.

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 scholarship amount for the Academic Year will not exceed \$7,500 and may be given in total to one recipient or divided amongst numerous recipients. The Scholarship Committee of the Propeller Club of Mobile reserves the right to award scholarships in lesser or greater amounts at its 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 between January 1st and September 30th of the year 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, by September 30th following 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, nor the Seamen's Foundation of Mobile 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) before September 30th of that year.

Section 7 - Application Procedure

To apply for the MMLS, applicants should complete and submit the Scholarship Application no later than November 30th of the application year.

The above materials should be submitted to the Scholarship Committee of the Propeller Club of Mobile at the following address:

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 Propeller Club of Mobile Christmas Party and will be recognized at the Christmas Party in December of the application year. Recipients of the MMLS are strongly encouraged to attend the annual Christmas Party, or if not available, attend the subsequent Propeller Club of Mobile luncheon/meeting. 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):

List Work Experience (attach additional sheets):

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

Intended Qualifying Educational Institution: _____

Anticipated Course of Study: _____

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____