2027 Norm Manly Maritime Education Scholarship

The Norm Manly Maritime Education Scholarship program is designed to serve youth pursuing post-high school education or training for a maritime career path. The scholarship program is part of the Youth Maritime Training Association, operated by Puget Sound Maritime, a non-profit organization dedicated to preserving and promoting maritime heritage and inspiring the next generation to carry on the legacy by pursuing maritime careers.

Awards:

Scholarships amounts range from $4,000 on up to the $6,000 first-prize and will be awarded in May of 2027. These YMTA scholarships may be used for maritime programs at community colleges, technical and vocational schools, colleges, universities, maritime academies, or other accredited educational institutions. Awards support tuition and fees, and are sent directly to the recipient's school/program.

Eligibility:

- Student must currently be enrolled as a senior in a high school or affiliated high school program (including GED program) in the State of Washington;
- Student must plan to pursue post-secondary training or educational program leading to a maritime, marine sciences, maritime history, or marine-related career;
- Student must submit a letter of support from one teacher. An optional letter of support from a member of the maritime community is encouraged but not required;
- Student must have a grade point average of at least 2.5 or an additional letter of recommendation from a second teacher;
- Relatives of the PSM Board of Governors, the YMTA Committee, the executive management team, or the owners of businesses or organizations sponsoring YMTA scholarships are *not* eligible for these awards.

Application Procedure:

There are two parts to the YMTA scholarship process. First, students submit their full application to PSM's YMTA program. The YMTA Committee will review all applications and invite the top scoring applicants to participate in a presentation to a panel of judges. All applicants invited to the second part *will* be awarded a scholarship; the oral presentation scores will determine the final scholarship award amount.

Student Application Deadline:

Applications are available at the YMTA website www.ymta.net and must be received by PSM by **Monday, March 29th 2027**.

To learn more about the Norm Manly YMTA Scholarship or the application process, please visit www.ymta.net or email your questions to ymta@pugetmaritime.org.