



**PORT OF WILMINGTON MARITIME SOCIETY
SCHOLARSHIP
2017-2018 Academic Year**

**ELIGIBILITY
REQUIREMENTS:**

- Applicants must be high school seniors or returning/continuing college students whose parent, grandparent, or legal guardian is employed by a company at the Port of Wilmington *that has contributed a minimum of \$500* towards the Port of Wilmington Maritime Society Scholarship Fund.
- Applicants must enroll in a two- or four-year program of study at an accredited college.
- Applicants must file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and submit a copy of their Student Aid Report (SAR) with their application.

AWARD:

- **\$2,500 for one year**
- Recipients may re-apply annually

CRITERIA:

- 50% financial need
- 45% academic performance, to include GPA (25%), SATs (15%) and essay (5%)
- 5% School or community involvement or leadership ability
- Students should be sure to follow all instructions for application and essay to be considered.

DEADLINES:

- April 1, 2017 to file FAFSA with federal processor
- April 1, 2017 to submit scholarship application

LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED

**APPLICATIONS AND FAFSAs
ARE AVAILABLE FROM:**

High school guidance counselor, college financial aid office, <https://www.scholarshipprograms.org/port/> or contact the Center for Scholarship Administration at 4320 Wade Hampton Boulevard, Suite G, Taylors, S.C. 29687. Contact person: Allison Lee Wagoner: 1-864-268-3363. allisonleewagoner@bellsouth.net

Applications are located at <https://scholarshipprograms.org/#>

Note: Students can file the FAFSA online at www.fafsa.ed.gov after January 1, 2017.



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In an effort to ensure that more scholarship applications are submitted completely please read the following before starting your application.

The following items are requested in this scholarship application. Any of the items that are not submitted will earn you a score of zero for that section and lessen your chances of getting the scholarship.

- Guardian Name
 - Name the employee of the Eligible Company at the Port of Wilmington who is your guardian. This will be verified before your scholarship is awarded.
- GPA
 - Must be submitted by the High school or College attending
- Class Rank
 - Must be submitted by the High school or College attending. May not be available in many colleges.
- SAT Scores
 - Must be submitted from the SAT Board each year. There is a fee for this for students already in college.
- Essay (Required)
 - If you do not submit an essay your application will be considered incomplete and will be immediately disqualified.
 - Make sure your essay is of the required length of a minimum of 250 words. “How and why is the scholarship important for you to continue your education?”
- FAFSA
 - This is required to calculate your EFC – Expected Family Contribution.
 - OUT OF STATE STUDENTS – You must request that this score be sent to the Delaware office named in this application submission.
 - Even if you do not think your family will place high in the needs category you should submit for this scholarship anyway. Your other scores also make a difference.