



Florida Harbor Pilots Association Minority Scholarship

Each year, the Florida Harbor Pilots Association (FHPA) identifies two minority cadets who attend one of the six maritime colleges nationwide and show enthusiasm and aptitude for a possible career as a state pilot. Each recipient will be awarded a two thousand five hundred dollar (\$2,500.00) scholarship during the school year. In addition to the \$2,500.00 scholarship, each recipient will receive \$500.00 for travel expenses to attend a training session with a state pilot association in Florida, where they will experience hands-on training so they are exposed to all aspects of a state harbor pilot's career.

To qualify for this scholarship, the successful candidate must satisfy the following criteria:

- Must be a “minority person” pursuant to s. 288.703(3), Florida Statutes (2008):
 - (a) An African American, a person having origins in any of the racial groups of the African Diaspora, regardless of cultural origin.
 - (b) A Hispanic American, a person of Spanish or Portuguese culture with origins in Spain, Portugal, Mexico, South America, Central America, or the Caribbean, regardless of race.
 - (c) An Asian American, a person having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, the Indian Subcontinent, or the Pacific Islands, including the Hawaiian Islands prior to 1778.
 - (d) A Native American, a person who has origins in any of the Indian Tribes of North America prior to 1835, upon presentation of proper documentation thereof as established by rule of the Department of Management Services.
 - (e) An American woman.
- Must have completed first-year sea-term requirements and have a minimum 2.5 GPA.
- Must be enrolled in one of the following maritime academies: Massachusetts Maritime Academy, Maine Maritime Academy, S.U.N.Y. Maritime College, The California Maritime Academy, Texas A&M University at Galveston and U.S. Merchant Marine Academy – Kings Point and have completed their first year sea term requirements.
- Planning to pursue a career as a state harbor pilot, preferably in the State of Florida.
- Write a maximum 250-word essay explaining why you are interested in becoming a harbor pilot.

Deadline to apply for this scholarship is April 30, 2010.
Additional information and the application form are also available at www.floridapilots.com.



Please provide the following information.

Full Name: _____

Mailing address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Academy you attend: _____

Your current year: _____

Overall GPA: _____

To qualify for this scholarship, you must be a "minority person" pursuant to s.288.703(3), Florida Statutes. Please state the minority classification which qualifies you for this scholarship _____

Have you completed your first-year sea-term requirements: _____

I certify that the information on this form is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. By signing below, I also give my consent, if selected, to have my name and picture published by the FHPA for marketing purposes.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

To be considered, you must submit your completed application and essay by April 30, 2010 to:

Florida Harbor Pilots Association
Scholarship Consideration
PO Box 38294
Tallahassee, FL 32315