



## Florida Harbor Pilots Association 2024 Minority Scholarship

This year again because of the overwhelming popularity of this program, the Florida Harbor Pilots Association (FHPA) is pleased to be able to offer three minority scholarships to cadets from one of the seven national maritime academies, who show enthusiasm and aptitude for a possible career as a state harbor pilot, preferably in the State of Florida. The selected recipients will each receive a \$2,500 scholarship, plus all their pre-approved travel expenses to attend a short training session with a pilot association in Florida, where they will receive the scholarship, get hands-on experience, and be exposed to many aspects of a 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(4), Florida Statutes (2023):
  - (a) An African American, a person having origins in any of the black 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 before 1778.
  - (d) A Native American, a person who has origins in any of the Indian Tribes of North America before 1835, upon presentation of proper documentation thereof as established by rule of the Department of Management Services.
  - (e) An American woman.
- Must be enrolled in one of the following maritime academies: Massachusetts Maritime Academy, Maine Maritime Academy, S.U.N.Y. Maritime College, California Maritime Academy, Texas A&M University at Galveston, U.S. Merchant Marine Academy – Kings Point, or Great Lakes Maritime Academy.
- Must have completed at least their first-year sea-term requirements and have a minimum 2.5 GPA.
- Must be planning to pursue a career as a state harbor pilot, preferably in the State of Florida.
- Must write a maximum 250-word essay explaining why they are interested in becoming a harbor pilot.

Deadline to apply for this scholarship is April 30, 2024.  
Additional information and the application form are also available at [www.floridapilots.com](http://www.floridapilots.com).



Please provide the following information

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
[ ] Male or [ ] Female

Current mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Permanent mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Mobile Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Academy you attend: \_\_\_\_\_

Current academic year: [ ] Freshman [ ] Sophomore [ ] Junior [ ] Senior

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

Overall GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

To qualify for this scholarship, you must be a "minority person" pursuant to s.288.703(4), 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. If selected, you must provide proof of current enrollment and GPA.*

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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

To be considered, submit your completed application, essay and any additional information by April 30, 2024, to:

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

or by email submitted in one pdf file to:  
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