

ISMA Lodge #3 Scholarship Program

One of the goals of the International Ship Masters' Association is to encourage entry into the maritime field and support the continued advancement of mariners within the industry.

The Chicago Lodge of ISMA offers scholarships of up to \$500 to mariners seeking their first maritime credentials or furthering their education in the maritime community. These scholarships may be awarded to as many as three recipients each year.

Scholarships may be applied towards the tuition of committee approved courses leading to the issuance or upgrade of a U.S. Coast Guard Merchant Mariner Credential, rating, or endorsement.

This is a **reimbursement scholarship**, so awardees must be able to show a successful course completion certificate before receiving funds.

Application materials must be submitted to an ISMA Lodge #3 Scholarship Committee representative by **September 30th** and courses must be completed within one year of the application deadline.

Applicants may not have already received a scholarship from ISMA Chicago Lodge #3.

Scholarship Application Checklist

- Completed & Signed Application Form
- Resume (if work info doesn't fit on application)
- One personal letter explaining:
 - Why you are applying for the scholarship
 - What school you are planning to attend
 - Expected class start/completion date (must be within 12 mo)
 - Expected qualification or certificate
- Two letters of support addressing the merits of the applicant:
 - One should be from a Captain, Chief Engineer, or fellow mariner.
(If the candidate is a current student and not yet in the maritime industry, this first letter can be from a principal, teacher, or coach.)
 - One letter must be from a current ISMA member.

Weighted Criteria (applicants do not have to meet each)

- **Relevant** work experience & education
- Future plans after receiving desired education
- ISMA membership: Are you a member, or do you plan to become a member? Have you attended any ISMA events?
- Maritime certificates, awards, or experience
- Other financial aid support (as a demonstration of recognized financial need/merit)

The completed application and letters of reference must be submitted by **September 30th** to an ISMA Lodge #3 Scholarship Committee representative or emailed to scholarship@chicagoshipmasters.com

Please type or print being sure to fill in or check all areas of the below application. An incomplete application will not be considered for the scholarship.

International Ship Masters (ISMA)
Chicago Lodge #3
Scholarship Application

Full Name: _____

Permanent Address: _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____

Please list employment history starting with the most recent position.
(or attach resume)

Position	Employer	City/State	Year(s)
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Please list any colleges or other learning institutions you have attended starting with the most recent first.

School	City/State	Years attended	Degrees/Certificates
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List any maritime classes, certificates, or related activities in which you have been involved. (e.g. power squadron/crew team/CPR/USCG boating safety)

List institutions and year:

Why have you chosen the maritime profession?

Are you a current ISMA member? YES NO

Are you planning on becoming a member in the future? YES NO maybe

Have you attended any ISMA events? Which ones?

What does ISMA mean to you?

Do you have, or expect to have, any scholarships or financial aid from other sources? YES NO

If so, please give amounts and sources:

Where (geographic location) do you anticipate working in the maritime field?

Candidate Certification Statement:

I certify, to the best of my knowledge, that the information contained in this application is correct and complete. I will notify the Scholarship Committee Chairman should any changes in my situation occur. I authorize the selection committee to verify any information contained in this application.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Any questions regarding applying for the scholarship may be directed to:
scholarship@chicagoshipmasters.com