



NATIONAL MARINE EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION Annual Conference Scholarship Program

**Applications for scholarships accepted 1/1/09- 4/01/09
Scholarship awardees notified by 4/15/09**

**Send or e-mail completed form to
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Annual Conference Scholarship Program

The Scholarship Program was created by the NMEA Board of Directors in 1995 to assist members in attending the Annual Conference. There are \$500 scholarship awards available for NMEA members living in the US and \$1,000 scholarship awards for NMEA members living in other countries. The Annual NMEA Auction, held at each Annual Conference, provides partial funding for these scholarships.

Criteria

Scholarship awards are based on financial need of the applicant. Geographical location and order of receipt of the completed applications are not considered in the decision to award scholarships.

Eligibility

Applicants must be an NMEA member in good standing. The following are not eligible: NMEA Officers, other voting members of the Board of Directors, Institutional or Corporate members, and scholarship recipients within the past three NMEA Annual Conferences.

Selection and Award

All applications that are received by the deadline will be acknowledged. Applications for NMEA scholarships are confidential and will be seen only by the NMEA Scholarship Committee reviewers. Selection will take place by April 15, 2009 and all applicants will be notified of the results as soon as possible. Successful applicants must have completed the regular conference registration form and will be reimbursed at the conference.

**APPLICATION FORM
PRINT, TYPE, OR SEND BY E-MAIL**

Name

Institution

Address

City

State/Province

Country

Zip/Postal code

Day phone

Evening phone

Cell phone

Fax

E-mail address

Summer address (if different)

Summer phone number (if different)

Occupation

Membership expires on

Membership type (check one)

National member only (not affiliated with a local chapter)

National and regional chapter member. Which chapter?

Family

Associate

Life

Student

How many NMEA Annual Conferences have you attended in the last five years?

How many years have you been an NMEA member?

How many years have you been a regional chapter member?

WRITE A PARAGRAPH OR TWO FOR THE FOLLOWING FOUR QUESTIONS. ATTACH ADDITIONAL SHEETS IF NEEDED.

1. Briefly describe how you are involved in marine and aquatic education.

2. Briefly describe what specific information, skills, or contacts you will be seeking at the NMEA Annual Conference and how they will be used.
3. What financial circumstances require you to seek a scholarship to attend the 2009 NMEA Annual Conference?
4. Briefly describe any non-financial circumstances you would like the committee to consider in their decision.

TO COMPLETE THIS APPLICATION YOU MUST READ AND SIGN THE FOLLOWING AGREEMENT. ELECTRONIC SIGNATURES ARE ACCEPTABLE.

I understand that

- I must be an NMEA member at the time of application to be eligible for a scholarship;
- I am expected to attend the full conference, taking maximum advantage of conference sessions and field experiences offered;
- I am expected to use information and skills gained at the conference to improve my education efforts;
- if awarded a scholarship, I will not be eligible for a scholarship for two subsequent NMEA annual conferences; and
- If I decline to attend, the award is forfeited and can't be applied to other conferences.

I certify that all statements made above are true and correct.

Signature _____

Date