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## Marine Trades Association of New Jersey Foundation Announces 2024 Education Scholarships

**Brielle, NJ** – The Marine Trades Association of NJ (MTA/NJ) Foundation has announced the availability of two Boating Industry Scholarships that will be open to any student seeking a career in the recreational boating industry in New Jersey. In addition, the Automotive Training Center scholarship will provide half tuition to a student enrolling in the Marine Service Technology program. These scholarships are funded through the MTA/NJ Foundation, a 501(c)(3). One of the goals of the MTA/NJ Foundation is to provide financial support dedicated to educational scholarships and training to help grow the recreational marine trades' workforce in New Jersey. The Foundation is currently funded by members through fundraising events and raffles held throughout the year. The MTA/NJ Foundation is aggressively working to address workforce issues and is exploring all opportunities to expand on these current efforts.

Interested students should visit <u>mtanj.org/scholarships</u> for the applications and full requirements. **The deadline is April 1, 2024.** 

Since 2006, the MTA/NJ Foundation has awarded over \$35,000 to deserving students looking to begin careers in the industry, to members through the MTA/NJ Family Scholarship and for outstanding student awards to students currently enrolled in marine trades vocational programs. In addition to scholarships, the MTA/NJ Foundation has provided an additional \$10,000 towards marine education and training for members including marine training reimbursements, industry certification courses, and education and training in the classroom and on the job for members and their employees covering several areas.

The MTA/NJ Boating Industry Scholarship, valued at \$1,500, is available for students entering a recreational marine industry vocational, technical or college program.

The MTA/NJ will also award a half scholarship (\$10,950) for the Marine Service Technology Program at **Automotive Training Center** in Pennsylvania. The scholarship is open to any student interested in pursuing a career in the recreational boating industry and meets the criteria outlined.

## About the MTA/NJ

The Marine Trades Association of New Jersey (MTA/NJ), established in 1972, is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting, advancing, and protecting the recreational marine industry and waterways in the State of New Jersey. The MTA/NJ is dedicated to the interests of the industry for the benefit of its individual members and the consumers whom they serve. In addition to many accomplishments, the MTA/NJ produces two boat shows, the Jersey Shore Boat Sale & Expo held in September at ShoreTown Ballpark in Lakewood and the New Jersey Boat Sale & Expo held in February at the New Jersey Convention & Expo Center in Edison. The MTA/NJ proudly endorses the Progressive Insurance Atlantic City Boat Show.

To visit the MTA/NJ Career Center and browse open positions in the boating industry, click here.

To learn about what the boating industry has to offer, click here.