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Hello Port Members,

Washington Public Ports is now accepting applications for our \$1,500 Spring Scholarship. The WPPA scholarship application is attached. As a reminder, WPPA has reinstated its practice of awarding two educational scholarships: one in the Spring and another in the Winter. Details on each scholarship are provided in the email below.

This Spring, we will award a \$1,500 scholarship primarily for high school or high school-equivalent students pursuing post-secondary education in a port-related industry or field of study. To be eligible, applicants must be related to a port commissioner or port employee. Our Executive Committee will take a broad view of what qualifies as a 'port-related' field, recognizing the diverse ways ports operate. The selection will be based on the quality of the program and the applicant's qualifications.

The Winter Scholarship supports port employees pursuing continuing education to enhance their ability to benefit their port districts. After being discontinued for several years, it was reinstated in 2024, with an award presented at our Annual Meeting last December. Details will be announced in the fall, and the scholarship will be awarded at our Annual Meeting.

The WPPA Spring Scholarship is now accepting applications and supporting materials through March 21, 2025. Only complete application packets will be considered. Submissions must be sent electronically to mlill@washingtonports.org or mailed to the WPPA office, arriving no later than 4:00 p.m. on Friday, March 21, 2025. Full instructions can be found on the application.

Port Directors and Managers, please share this letter and application with all port employees. The WPPA Executive Committee will select the winner, and the 2025 Spring Scholarship recipient will be announced during the Awards Breakfast at the 2025 WPPA Spring Meeting at the Historic Davenport Hotel in Spokane, WA.

Please contact the WPPA office if you have any questions.

Thank you,

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