



**CIRCAC/Captain Barry Eldridge Memorial
Scholarship for Maritime Studies
2025 Application
Cook Inlet Regional Citizens Advisory Council**

*~ PLEASE READ THE ATTACHED GUIDELINES CAREFULLY BEFORE SUBMITTING YOUR APPLICATION ~
~ ALL INFORMATION WILL BE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL ~*

FULL NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

ADDRESS: _____ E-MAIL: _____

NAME(S) OF PARENTS/GUARDIANS: _____

DATE OF BIRTH: _____ PLACE OF BIRTH: _____ # YEARS IN COOK INLET AREA: _____

HIGH SCHOOL: _____ GPA: _____ GRAD. DATE: _____

UNIVERSITY, COMMUNITY COLLEGE OR VOCATIONAL SCHOOL YOU ATTEND/PLAN TO ATTEND: _____

EDUCATIONAL / VOCATIONAL GOALS: _____

SCHOOL-RELATED ACTIVITIES, HONORS & AWARDS (w/dates): _____

CIVIC HONORS (w/dates): _____

VOLUNTEER OR WORK ACTIVITIES (w/dates): _____

Please attach additional materials and pages for further explanation as necessary.

I attest that the information contained in this application package is true.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT: _____ DATE: _____

~ LATE, INCOMPLETE OR UNRELATED APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED ~

DEADLINE: Completed applications must be received by mail or email at CIRCAC by 5:00 pm, Monday, MARCH 17, 2025. 8195 Kenai Spur Highway, Kenai, AK 99611, or shayloncochran@circac.org Call (907) 690-1687 if questions or for more information.

Cook Inlet Regional Citizens Advisory Council
Guidelines – 2025 Capt. Barry Eldridge Scholarship for Maritime Studies
\$2,500.00 Scholarship Available

Background: Congress created the Cook Inlet Regional Citizens Advisory Council (CIRCAC) via the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 (OPA 90). The Council is mandated to perform environmental monitoring in Cook Inlet, Alaska; engage in oil spill prevention and response planning; and educate the citizens of Cook Inlet with information about our work. In that spirit, we are pleased to offer a \$2,500 scholarship for a selected student with educational and career ambitions that mirror our Congressional mandates. CIRCAC’s goal is to assist Cook Inlet area students to launch or complete maritime skills training in any of a broad range of applicable programs of study at a Maritime Academy, vocational school or maritime program.

~ Please read and follow these Guidelines carefully; omissions may disqualify applicants ~

Eligibility: Graduating seniors and recent graduates who are planning to attend maritime vocational schools or academies for certifications or undergraduate degrees – **and who reside in the vicinity of Cook Inlet, Alaska** (specifically: Anchorage, the Kenai Peninsula [excluding Seward], Kodiak Island) – are eligible to apply. Seniors must be attending schools in the Anchorage School District, Kenai Peninsula Borough School District, Kodiak Island Borough School District, a home schooling program, or private schools within the boundaries of these districts, or be a recent high school graduate. Recently discharged veterans are encouraged to apply. Past applicants may re-apply.

Submission: A completed application package must be submitted and received by the deadline indicated on the application, and must be accompanied by:

- Completed and signed Application Form
- Most recent school transcript (copy acceptable)
- Letters of recommendation (at least 2; not from family members)
- Personal essay (500 words or less) outlining: your educational and career goals (particularly as they align with CIRCAC’s objectives); a statement of financial benefit; personal accomplishments; and how this scholarship will help you impact the culture and environment of Cook Inlet
- Proof of Alaska residency (copies of PFD eligibility; driver’s license; military ID; other)

Process: Late or incomplete applications at deadline will be rejected. Materials will be reviewed for completeness and eligibility. A committee of CIRCAC Directors will select the finalists for interviews, which will last about 15 minutes and be conducted via teleconference, typically on a single day. Recipients will be selected that day. All applicants will be notified following the Committee’s selection.

Scholarship Awards will be announced to the community through notices to local media outlets, and through CIRCAC public outreach efforts (newsletter, website, others).

Scholarships are presented in the form of a “Letter of Award” and Certificate issued by CIRCAC to the recipient. Funds will be released in a single payment directly to the school or program upon receipt of verification of enrollment (e.g. - course schedule and Student ID) issued by the school’s proper authority. Scholarship funds may not be used to cover payments for any prior academic period. Scholarships are intended for the upcoming academic year only, without permission from CIRCAC.

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Send Applications and related materials by mail or email to:
CIRCAC Scholarship Committee – 8195 Kenai Spur Highway, Kenai, AK 99611 or
shayloncochran@circac.org ~ Questions? Call Shaylon: (907) 283-7222