



International Longshoremen’s Association Port of Jax. College Scholarship Fund Application

2026

SCHOLARSHIP REQUIREMENTS:

- **3.0 or better** cumulative G.P.A. – **(current high school/college official transcript must accompany application).**
- **Current High School Senior**, entering college freshman for **fall of 2026.**
- **Currently enrolled** college students 5(at least **12** credit hours each semester for college credit or at least **22** contact hours per week for * vocational). Must be seeking an AA, AS or BS. **(Graduate degrees are not eligible at this time)**
- **Actively enrolled** at time award is granted (August '25)
- **Demonstrate** Financial Need (Your parents’/guardians’/spouse and/or your **2025** Tax Return may be required).
- **Community Service Vita** – **Min 50 hours annually** (See Attachment)

2026 Essay Question – The maritime industry plays a critical role in both international and domestic trade, influencing the cost of goods, job availability, supply chains, and economic stability. In recent years, government policies—such as tariffs, trade agreements, port regulations, and international relations—have significantly affected the maritime sector.

Using credible research sources, analyze how the current state of the U.S. government’s policies toward the maritime industry and global trade has created economic or logistical challenges (e.g., tariffs, shipping delays, labor issues, or regulatory changes). Then, **connect this analysis to your personal experience** by explaining how these policies have directly or indirectly impacted your family and your collegiate journey—financially, socially, academically, or otherwise.

Submit an APA-format essay: double-spaced, 12-point font, 1” margins, 3–6 pages. Include citations and references. For guidelines, visit:

https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/research_and_citation/apa_style/apa_formatting_and_style_guide/index.html

Essay will be graded on the following:

- ✚ Ability to clearly answer questions.
- ✚ Organization/Essay Writing Skills
- ✚ Grammar/Punctuation/Sentence Structure
- ✚ Appearance



Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ Middle Initial _____ Suffix (Sr./Jr. II, III)

SS# _____ - _____ - _____ Race: _____ Sex: _____ Date of Birth ____/____/____

Permanent Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home phone (____) _____ Cell Phone: (____) _____ Work (____) _____

Email Address: _____ @ _____

High School or College you currently attend: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Cumulative G.P. A. _____ **(Please attach/enclose current transcript, applications without transcripts will not be REVIEWED)**

How did you learn of the ILA Local 1408 College Scholarship Fund Program? _____

Is your parent or grandparent a member of the ILA Local 1408? [] No [] Yes If yes, please give their name:

_____ Relationship to you [] parent [] grandparent

Please state in the space provided: (Attach extra sheet for further explanation, if needed).

1). Briefly describe your Financial Need. How many students in the household are currently in college?

2). The academic goal(s) you wish to achieve and major course of study you intend to pursue:

3). Your career and employment goals:

4). Honors, awards, and extracurricular activities:

Please state below the college/university you will be entering/attending the Fall term of 2026.

College

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

I, _____, authorize release of my grade history and other information (financial aid) regarding to this application, to the scholarship donor, office of admissions and student aid for the purpose of evaluating the information and my academic progress as a scholarship recipient.

Student's signature: _____ Date: _____

Mail completed application, official transcript, community service vita and essay to:

ILA JAX SCHOLARSHIP FUND, PORT OF JACKSONVILLE

Attn: REVIEW BOARD

Post Office Box 13203

Jacksonville, Florida 32206

Application DEADLINE DATE

FRIDAY, May 29, 2026

Applications must be postmarked by May 29, 2026

NO EXCEPTIONS- NO EMAIL OR HAND DELIVERY

For additional information call (904) 885-4600 or email us at

ilajaxscholarshipfund@gmail.com



Community Service Vita



List each charitable organization where you volunteer, including its name, purpose, contact person for verification, and your monthly hours. Describe your volunteer work and the positive impact you've made. Minimum requirement: **50 hours per year**

Organization: _____

Purpose: _____

Contact Person: _____ **Phone Number:** _____

Volunteer Activities Performed:

Total Volunteer Hours: _____

Organization: _____

Purpose: _____

Contact Person: _____ **Phone Number:** _____

Volunteer Activities Performed:

Total Volunteer Hours: _____

(Attach additional sheet if needed)



Community Service

What types of service qualify?

- Service through school or community-based service, learning projects.
- Service with community organizations that can be verified by the organization.
- Service with a faith-based organization that is not proselytizing * or religious instruction.

Service that DOES NOT qualify.

- Paid or stipend service.
- Lobbying
- Religious instruction
- Conducting worship services
- Engaging in any form of proselytizing*
- Efforts that are directed to serve only a family member.

You must have a minimum of 50 community service hours to qualify for scholarship.

*Proselytizing generally refers to any attempt to convert somebody to a religious faith or political doctrine.