



# Merchants Exchange of Portland **SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

## **ANNUAL SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM**

The Merchants Exchange Scholarship Fund is excited to invite industry and individuals to join our new Annual Sponsorship Program.

The importance of the Maritime Industry has never been more clear. Demand for seafarers in 2021 has outpaced supply again, with the 2021 Seafarer Workforce Report projecting a shortfall of 26,000 qualified officers by as soon as 2026, while [Bloomberg Business recently announced\\*](#) that the next shipping crisis will be due to a maritime labor shortage. The growing challenges facing maritime students and advancing professionals are just as obvious.

Since 2003, the Merchants Exchange Scholarship has supported nearly 60 students with almost \$80,000 in assistance. With your help we hope to see this number grow!

As our Annual Sponsor, your support would be proudly recognized in every communication we share. Our peak audience is during our applicant window, from December 20 to May 31. Our network of friends and supporters includes almost one thousand maritime professionals, including educators, mentors, students and advancing professionals across the country.

Curious? Please let us know!

***“Strengthening the Maritime Industry  
through education and engagement.”***



# 2022-2023 ANNUAL SPONSORS

## PLATINUM



Shaver Transportation

## GOLD



## SILVER



Vanport Marine & Industrial

# THANK YOU!

## SPONSORSHIP TIERS

PLATINUM: \$750+  
GOLD: \$500 - \$749  
SILVER: \$200 - \$499

## ANNUAL SPONSORSHIP BENEFITS

*From October 1, 2022,  
through Sept 30, 2023*

### *All sponsorship levels include:*

- Proportional name & logo placement on all Scholarship Fund announcements and related event materials.
- Company Name, logo and website linked on the Scholarship Fund Sponsors page.
- Logo on Sponsor Banner at the Merchants Exchange Annual Open House & Bocce Tournament.





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# Donation Commitment Form

No matter how large or small, contributing today supports students pursuing their careers in the Maritime Industry!

## DONATION LEVEL

- Dean's List Donation.....\$1,000
- A+ Donation.....\$500
- B+ Donation.....\$250
- In-kind Donation.....\$100 in-kind donation

As a 501(c)(3) all donations made to the Merchants Exchange Scholarship Fund are tax deductible.  
EIN: 86-1090663

Please describe your in-kind donation: \_\_\_\_\_

Other Amount

Please do not advertise me as a corporate or individual donor

I want to learn more about creating a legacy with the Scholarship Fund, including: leaving a gift in a will or living trust; making a tax-free gift with an IRA; or making a gift of securities!

## CONTACT INFORMATION

Corporate Donation

Individual Donation

My company will match my gift

Company Name

Primary Contact Name

Position

Mailing Address

City

State

Zip/Postal Code

Email

Phone

Company URL

## BILLING & INVOICE INFORMATION (IF DIFFERENT THAN ABOVE)

Primary Contact Name

Mailing Address

City

State

Zip/Postal Code

Phone

Fax

Enclosed is a check for \$\_\_\_\_\_ covering Annual Sponsorship for the indicated level above.  
(Please make check payable to Merchants Exchange Scholarship Fund)

Signature

Date

Please return completed form to Merchants Exchange Scholarship Fund at address below, or e-mail scholarship@pdxmex.com

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