

# GREAT LAKES MARITIME ACADEMY



Established in 1969, the Great Lakes Maritime Academy (GLMA) is a division of Northwestern Michigan College. It one of six state maritime academies (plus one Federal) authorized by the federal government to train future officers for careers aboard commercial ships.

Graduates are licensed officers and work aboard commercial vessels of all types on any body of water, including research ships, tankers, cruise ships, container ships, Ferries and bulk carriers (bulk carriers are the "ore boats" which ply the Great Lakes in support of the regional and national economy). Graduates earn a Bachelor of Science degree in Maritime Technology, the first baccalaureate program at Northwestern Michigan College.

Depending on their selection of the deck or engine program, cadets study a variety of professional courses in addition to the core social and physical science curriculum. These range from seamanship, navigation, piloting, steam and diesel engineering. In addition to the academic classes, cadets sail up to 300 days aboard our training ship, the T/S State of Michigan and commercial ships on the Great Lakes and oceans.

In their last year at the Academy, cadets "write" (test) the U.S. Coast Guard examinations for licensing as Third Mate, Unlimited Tonnage and First Class Great Lakes Pilot, (Deck program), or Third Assistant Engineer, Steam or Motor Vessels of any Horsepower (Engineering program).

Based on the industry's projected needs for entry level officers, approximately sixty students are admitted to the program each year. There is no age or marital status restrictions. Applicants must be United States citizens and have graduated from high school or possess a GED equivalency. Acceptance is selective and competitive, and based on the "whole person" concept. Employment opportunities have been exceptional, our cadets currently enjoy 100% placement, and there is a continued stable job outlook for the future.

Attainment of the knowledge, experience and skills necessary to pass the licensing exams and perform satisfactorily once aboard ship requires specialized and intensive training, both in the classroom, simulators and labs as well as afloat. We at GLMA are proud of the quality of the training we have provided since the opening of the Academy in 1969. Graduates serve as licensed officers with every company sailing on the Great Lakes, as pilots for ocean-going ships sailing on the Lakes, and around the world on ocean going vessels.

Individuals interested learning more and/or applying to the Academy are encouraged to contact the Great Lakes Maritime Academy Admissions office:

CDR Scott Fairbank, USN Ret, Director of Admissions, 231-995-1213  
Ms. Judy Druskovich, Admissions Specialist, 231-995-1209  
Great Lakes Maritime Academy main office, 231-995-1200





## The James A. Waters Sponsorship Application

### Purpose

The James A. Waters Sponsorship is intended to support students who are preparing for Educational and Job Training in the maritime industry.

### Eligibility

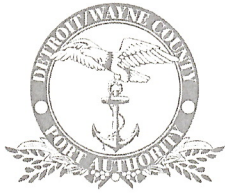
- Recipients must apply to the Paul Hall Center for Maritime Training and Education.
- Recipients must reside in Wayne County Michigan
- Recipients must have a cumulative G.P.A of 2.50 on a 4.0 scale.

### Requirements

- Essay: On a separate sheet of paper, please type an essay (no more than two pages) telling us about yourself and describing why you want to attend a maritime program and your plans after completion of the program
- High School Transcripts
- Letters of Recommendation: Please provide two letters of recommendation with your application. 1.) From your Guidance Counselor 2.) From an adult (**non-family member**) in support of your application for this Sponsorship.
- 1040 Tax Return: Students should provide the first page of his/ her parents/ guardian tax return.

### Application Deadline

Completed applications are to be submitted by \_\_\_\_\_ to the Detroit Wayne County Port Authority at 130 Atwater Detroit, Michigan 48226.



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### Application

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

First

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Last

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: \_\_\_ M \_\_\_ F

### Education

Last School Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade Point Average: \_\_\_\_\_

Extra-Curricular Activities:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Academic Awards or Honorable Mentions:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Program you plan on participating in the Fall: \_\_\_\_\_

Full Time Student: \_\_\_\_\_ Part Time Student: \_\_\_\_\_

### Employment Experience

Current Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Job Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Job Description:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Hours/Week: \_\_\_\_\_