

ABOUT OUR PROGRAM

The Marine Award Program for Seamen (MAPS) was developed by The Young Firm, a maritime law firm dedicated to serving seamen and maritime workers. Our firm has been working with maritime workers for over 20 years and we have had the distinct privilege of guiding these individuals along the challenging channels of maritime law.

This award program is the manifestation of one of our key missions: to provide free resources that empower mariners to make educated decisions to better their future. Because credentialing and licensing is such an integral part of a mariner's career, we wanted to offer a way for seamen and maritime workers to more easily access the training they need to advance.

MAPS is a need and merit-based award program that gives seamen the opportunity to have the cost of their training covered at three facilities either in full or partially, depending on the desired training course. The purpose of the program is to enable seamen to advance their careers through training and certification classes.

The award amount will be paid directly to the facility of choice in exchange for the recipient's access to the course.

HOW MUCH IS THE AWARD?

Seamen will be able to apply for one of 18 awards offered annually. Each of these awards will be for the amount of \$1000 or less if the desired course does not exceed \$1000.

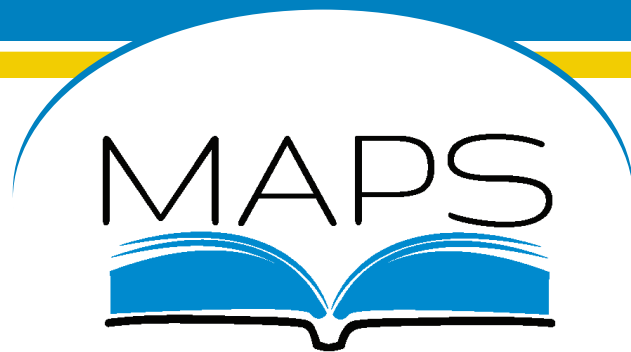
WHERE CAN YOU USE THE AWARD?

These awards will be offered at the following Louisiana Coast Guard-approved training facilities:

- Delgado Maritime & Industrial Training Center
- Houston Marine Training Services
- Falck Safety Services
- Griff's Marine Training, Inc. (formerly LaFourche Merchant Marine Training Inc.)
- Martin International

WHEN IS THE DEADLINE?

We have 5 deadlines throughout the year: January 20 | March 20 | May 20 | July 20 | September 20 | December 20



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SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION

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New Orleans, La 70130

VIA EMAIL: paige@theyoungfirm.com

ONLINE: www.MarineAward.com

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APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name:

Date of birth:

*TWIC Card: Yes No
(Please circle)

**Sea Service Time (days):

*** Must provide evidence that you either hold a valid TWIC (photocopy of TWIC) or have applied for a TWIC (TWIC application receipt). If you do not have a TWIC card or have not applied for one, you are not eligible for this scholarship.**

****Must prove your total sea service. If you do not meet the minimum sea time for your selected course, you will not be eligible for this scholarship.**

What endorsements, certificates, or other credentials do you have currently?

Phone:

Email:

Current address:

City:

State:

ZIP Code:

EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION

Currently employed:
Yes No
(Please circle)

If no, last employment:
___ / ___ / ___
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Reason for leaving:

Last employer:

Former title/position:

Current employer:

Current title/position:

How long in this position?

Employer address:

Phone:

E-mail:

Fax:

City:

State:

ZIP Code:

Position:

Annual income:

COURSES / TRAINING

What license, certification, endorsement, etc. are you trying to get?

Which of the following facilities are you planning to attend? (Please circle)

Delgado Maritime &
Industrial Training
Center

Houston Marine
Training Services

LaFourche Merchant
Marine Training Inc

Martin International

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Have you taken a course at any of the facilities previously? If so, which course(s)?

Which courses are you interested in taking? *(Please circle)*

If you do not see the desired course listed, please write or type in course name in the appropriate column.

Delgado Maritime & Industrial Training Center	Houston Marine Training Services	LaFourche Merchant Marine Training Inc	Martin International
Advanced Firefighting Refresher	OUPV (6-Pak)	Apprentice Mate Steersman Towing	Able Seaman
ARPA	100 Ton	Master 100 GT	OIM, BS & BCO
Basic & Advanced Firefighting	200 Ton	Mate 200 GT	Stability & Ballast Control for MODU (Surface & Bottom Bearing Units)
Basic Training (BT)	Apprentice Mate	Radar Observer Unlimited	
Basic Training (BT) REFRESHER	Western Rivers		
Master 100 Tons / Mate 200 Tons	ECDIS		
ECDIS	Basic Stability		
Engine Room Resource Management (ERM)	Able Seaman		
Stability & Ballast Control for MODU (Surface & Bottom Bearing Units)	Bridge Teamwork Procedures		
GMDSS	Radar Observer Unlimited		
Leadership & Managerial Skills	Radar Recertification		
Tank Barge Dangerous Liquids	ARPA		
Medical Care Provider	GMDS		
MEECE	Dynamic Positioning Induction		
QMED-Oiler	Dynamic Positioning Simulator		

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Radar Observer	Coastal Plotting / Navigation – Exam Prep		
Steersman / Apprentice Mate	Terrestrial Navigation Exam Prep		
Vessel Security Officer	Celestial Navigation		
	Medical Care Provider		
	Medical Care Person-in-Charge		
	500/1600 Master/Mate Exam Prep		
	Visual Communications		
	First Aid / CPR		

WRITTEN SECTION

Pick 3 of the 5 questions below to answer. Be thorough with your response as this helps us determine your eligibility.

- 1) What motivated you to get into this industry? Describe what that initial process was like for you.

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2) What are some of the major challenges you experience on a day to day basis? How would you like these challenges to be addressed?

3) How do you stay current on what is going on in the industry? Do you read certain books, visit certain websites, subscribe to certain journals/newsletters/magazines?

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4) The amount of paperwork and regulations is mind-numbing and often too much to handle in the allotted time each day. How would you like to see this problem remedied?

5) How do you spend your time when you are off tour/ off watch and/or on shore?

SIGNATURE

I confirm that the information provided on this form is accurate to the best of my knowledge. I authorize The Young Firm to use this information to determine my eligibility for the award and for additional research purposes. I also agree to receive future correspondence from The Young Firm regarding other opportunities, news updates, and informational articles.

Signature of applicant:

Date:

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR THE AWARD PROGRAM?

Maritime workers who hold a valid TWIC and have the prerequisite sea time for the desired training course are eligible to apply for the Marine Award Program for Seamen. Applicants must meet the following requirements:

1. Must be a United States citizen
2. Must currently hold a TWIC and able to get it updated if need be
3. Must be able to attend one of the three Louisiana training facilities
4. Must have the required sea time for the desired course

WHAT IS THE AMOUNT OF THE AWARD?

The award will be either for \$1000 or the cost of the desired course if the course does not exceed \$1000.

CAN I USE MY AWARD AT OTHER MARINE TRAINING FACILITIES?

At this time we are offering the award at four marine training facilities in Louisiana:

- Delgado Community College Maritime & Industrial Training Center
- Falck Safety Services
- Griff's Marine Training, Inc. (formerly LaFourche Merchant Marine Training Inc.)
- Houston Marine Training Services
- Martin International

We are open to expanding the award program to other marine training facilities in other states and look forward to eventually offering this service at other facilities in the future.

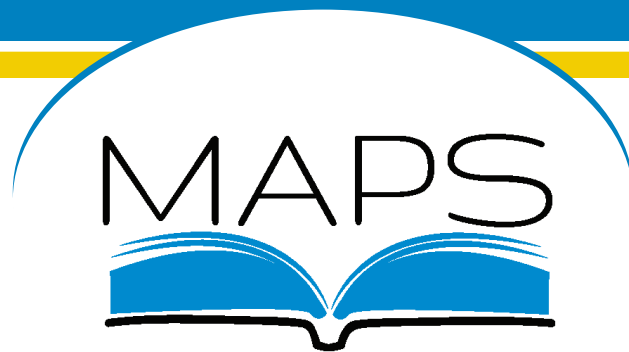
HOW DO I APPLY FOR MAPS?

You may apply for the award online, via paper application, or in person at the facility location. To apply online, visit www.MarineAward.com. To obtain a paper application, you can download it from our site, call (504-680-4100) or email us (paige@theyoungfirm.com) to request a paper copy be mailed to you.

WHAT FORMS/DOCUMENTS ARE NEEDED TO APPLY FOR MAPS?

To complete the application process, you will need to provide the following:

- Completed "MAPS Application" form
- Photocopy of TWIC
- Letter of Service and/or Certificate of Discharge



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WHERE DO I SEND MY COMPLETED AWARD APPLICATION?

You may submit your completed application via mail, email, fax, or online form (if you are doing the online application).

TO SUBMIT VIA MAIL:

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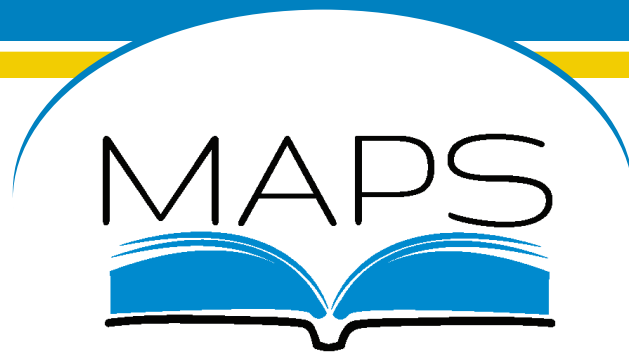
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WHEN DO I NEED TO APPLY FOR THE AWARD?

We have multiple deadlines throughout the year to provide more opportunities mariners to apply:
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IF I MISS THE DEADLINE, CAN I STILL APPLY?

You can always apply for the next deadline, however, you can call or email us to discuss your situation and we will decide on an individual basis whether or not you can still apply for the deadline you missed.

CAN I APPLY FOR MORE THAN ONE AWARD?

If you do not receive the award the first time, you're welcome to apply again for the next deadline.

HOW DO YOU CHOOSE A WINNER?

We review the applications and look for individuals who appear to be committed to his/her career as an offshore worker.

WHEN AND HOW WILL THE AWARD WINNERS BE ANNOUNCED?

Award recipients will be contacted either via phone or mail. The winners will also be announced by first name online, via newsletter, email. You should expect to hear back regarding the winners by a week or so after the award deadline below:

January 20 | March 20 | May 20 | July 20 | September 20 | December 20

IF I AM SELECTED, HOW DO I ACCEPT MY AWARD?

We simply need to get in touch with you to make you aware that you received the award. If we do not hear from you within two weeks, we will need to give it to someone else.

WHAT IF YOU CAN'T REACH ME TO GIVE ME MY AWARD?

HOW LONG WILL YOU WAIT?

If for some reason you feel you won't be available around the time we announce the winners, you must notify us in advance. If you are going offshore or out of the country on a hitch around that time, it is best to let us know so that we are aware of your absence and will account for that accordingly.

IF I RECEIVE THE AWARD AND THEN DECIDE TO NOT ATTEND THE TRAINING FACILITY, WHAT HAPPENS TO MY AWARD?

You will forfeit your award if you do not attend the course(s) you selected. Without sufficient reasoning or explanations, you will not be given the award again.

WHY DOES THE YOUNG FIRM SUPPORT MARINER TRAINING?

We believe that financial difficulties should not prevent mariners from receiving the proper training they need to advance their careers, which is why we have decided to offer this award.

WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE MARINE AWARD PROGRAM FOR SEAMEN?

MAPS was created by The Young Firm attorney Timothy Young, located in New Orleans, LA.

The office address is 400 Poydras St. Suite 2090, New Orleans, LA 70130. Any questions or concerns should be directed to The Young Firm.

HOW DO I CONTACT THE YOUNG FIRM IF I HAVE A QUESTION ABOUT THE AWARD PROCESS?

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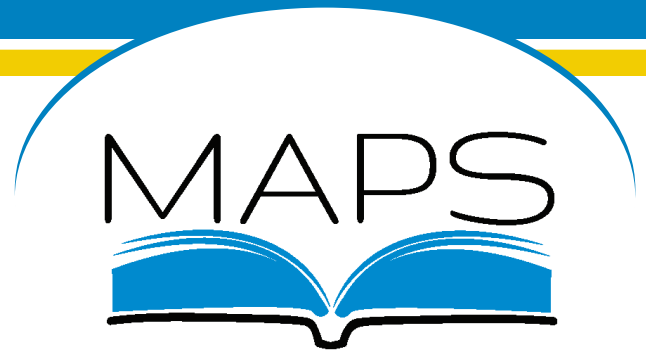


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