

***Seattle Fishermen's Memorial
Educational Scholarship
Application***

About the Scholarship: The Seattle Fishermen's Memorial committee ("Committee") is a charitable organization devoted to promoting safety in the fishing fleets and easing the emotional and financial burden of surviving family members of fishermen lost at sea. In furtherance of this commitment, the Committee established an educational scholarship fund in 1999 ("Scholarship Fund") for the purpose of providing educational scholarships to eligible family members and other dependents who have suffered the tragedy of losing their loved ones to the sea ("Educational Scholarship"). The Committee's hope is that through the Scholarship Fund, the Educational Scholarships awarded by the Committee will lessen the burden on these families and dependents who may not otherwise achieve their educational goals without financial assistance.

Eligibility Requirements: Eligibility for awards of Educational Scholarships shall be contingent on satisfying the following eligibility criteria:

- Applicants must be members of the deceased fishermen's immediate family (i.e. spouse and/or children) or individuals who **were** financially dependent on the deceased fisherman at the time of death.
- The deceased fisherman's name must be either on the Seattle Fishermen's Memorial or, if the loss of life only recently occurred, the deceased fisherman's name must have been approved by the Committee for placement on the Seattle Fishermen's Memorial.
- Applicants must show significant financial dependence on the deceased fisherman. **And there must have been an expectancy of financial support at the time of schooling.**
- Applicants must show financial need for funds to be used for educational purposes.

Satisfaction of these basic criteria does not entitle an applicant to an award of an Educational Scholarship. These criteria are for the purposes of determining eligibility only. Financial dependence and financial need shall be determined at the sole discretion of the Committee.

Scholarship Awards: The number of Educational Scholarships to be awarded **semi-annually** and the amount of funds to be awarded from the Scholarship Fund shall be determined at the sole discretion of the Committee. The following limitations shall apply to awards of Educational Scholarships:

- Educational Scholarships are to be awarded on a semi-annual basis only. Past recipients of Educational Scholarships may re-apply each year.
- Educational Scholarships shall not be used for purposes other than for educational purposes. The educational institutions to be attended may include primary and secondary schools, community colleges, technical and vocational programs, colleges, universities or any other educational institution that, in the sole discretion of the Committee, is consistent with the underlying purposes of the Educational Scholarships.
- Awards shall be paid directly to the educational institution as directed by the recipient except in exceptional circumstances. If an applicant for an Educational Scholarship

incurs tuition and/or other costs (that would normally be paid as part of an award) while his/her application is pending, the Committee may, at its sole discretion, directly reimburse him/her for these expenses if the applicant should later be awarded an Educational Scholarship, but only up to the amount of the award.

- Failure to attend the educational institution during the calendar year in which the Educational Scholarship was awarded shall result in forfeiture of the Educational Scholarship unless the recipient applies for an extension from the Committee, shows good cause for the extension, and the extension is approved by the Committee.
- *Application deadline for 2004-2005 school year: May 31, 2004.*
- *Award date for 2003-2004 school year: July 31, 2004.*
- *Application deadline for mid year programs beginning from January 2005 until July 2006: October 31, 2003.*
 - *Award date for mid-year programs: December 15, 2004.*

*Applications should be sent to the
Seattle Fishermen's Memorial Committee
P. O. Box 17356
Seattle, WA 98107*

APPLICATION

Section A: Information about Deceased Fisherman at the time of death

Name _____ Age _____

1. Deceased Fisherman _____ Year of Death: _____ Vessel: _____
2. Spouse _____
3. Ex-Spouse _____
4. Children/Dependents _____
At time of death _____

Section B: Applicant/Student Information

1. Your Name: _____
2. Your permanent mailing address: _____

3. Your Social Security number: _____

- 4. Your date of birth: _____
- 5. Your home telephone number: _____
- 6. Your state of legal residence: _____
- 7. Your relationship to Deceased: _____
(e.g., spouse, child, dependent)
- 8. What is your marital status? _____
- 9. Are you currently attending school? _____
If so, where and what is your grade level? _____
If not, what was the last grade level that you completed? _____
- 10. Were you claimed as a dependent on the deceased fisherman's 1040 form in the year of death? _____

In the preceding year? _____

Would you be dependent on the Deceased fisherman today? _____

If not, please provide proof of financial dependency on the deceased in the year of death. _____

6. What do you believe your educational financial needs will be for 2004-2005? _____

7. What degree/certificate do you expect to receive (if any)? _____

8. When do you expect to receive your degree/certificate? _____

9. **If you are a returning applicant, please provide proof from your educational institution showing accumulated credits to date.**

10. What other types of financial aid are you (and your parents) receiving toward your educational plans?

Section D: Household Information (If you are a dependent, list information about dependent household)

1. What is the number of persons in your household in 2004-2005? (Include yourself, spouse (if any), and dependent children) _____

2. What is the number of college students in household in 2004-2005? _____

3. What is the relationship of each person identified in this section to the deceased fisherman?

<u>Name</u>	<u>Relationship</u>
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

- 2. Adjusted Gross Income in 2003: _____
- 3. U. S. income tax paid in 2003: _____
- 4. 2003 income from work in 2003: _____
- 5. Earned Income Credit in 2003: _____
- 6. Untaxed Social Security Benefits in 2003: _____
- 7. AFCE/ADC or TANF Benefits in 2003: _____
- 8. Child support received for all children in 2003: _____
- 9. Other untaxed income and benefits in 2003: _____

Section F: Asset Information

<u>Cash</u>	<u>Savings</u>	<u>Checking</u>

Other real estate and investments value:
(don't include the family home)

Current Value

Other real estate and investments debt:
(don't include the family home)

Business Value: _____

Business Debt: _____

Section G: Signature

By signing below, you certify that all the information on this form is true, complete and not misleading to the best of your knowledge. If asked, you agree to give proof of the information, which may include a copy of your U. S. or state income tax forms. You also certify that if you receive an Educational Scholarship, you will use the award solely for educational expenses related to your attendance during the calendar year at the educational institution designated by you in the form.

Applicant/Student

_____ Date: _____

Parent/Step-Parent (if applicable)

_____ Date: _____

WARNING: You (the applicant) must fill out this form accurately. If you receive an Educational Scholarship based on inaccurate and purposely misleading information, you will be required to repay the Scholarship Fund and you may be prosecuted to the maximum extent allowed by law.

The Committee reserves the right to request U. S. income tax returns or other information to substantiate representations made by you in this form. If you can't or don't provide this additional information upon request, your application for an Educational Scholarship may be denied or held in abeyance until the information is provided.
