

Seamen's Society's Scholarship Program

For our foster care youth, Seamen's Society stands in place of parents. For other youth, our programs serve as a positive alternative to the streets. All of our youth need our encouragement and support to set high expectations for them and help define their hopes and aspirations for the future.

To do this effectively, our children need our financial assistance when they graduate from high school and go on to college.

This need led our Board of Trustees to create a scholarship assistance fund for our high school graduates to encourage them to attend college or vocational school.

In 2016 at our Nineteenth Annual Scholarship Awards Dinner, Seamen's Society presented scholarships to 25 young men and women. Including for the first time a scholarship for graduate school. These students are presently studying at various colleges and schools, including Oswego State University, Hobart & Williams Smith College, St. Francis College, Keane University, Mercy College, CW Post, Agnes Scott College, NYC Colle and various CUNY/SUNY colleges.

To qualify for scholarship assistance from Seamen's Society, our youth must:

- graduate from high school;
- be accepted at a college or vocational school;
- submit an essay and reference letters
- be interviewed by the Scholarship Committee

Students receive a basic scholarship of \$500 for their first semester, and for each semester throughout their attendance at college or vocational school, so long as they remain in good standing.

Students who maintain a minimum grade point average of a 3.0 receive \$750 per semester.

How to establish a Scholarship

***Annual Scholarship:** A gift of \$1,500 establishes a scholarship in the name of an individual, family or organization for one academic year. This scholarship may be perpetuated by an annual gift of \$1,500 to Seamen's Society's Scholarship Fund.

The Legacy Society: for those that don't want to create an individual scholarship but would like to make a gift. All money received will create the Legacy Society Scholarship and will be awarded at the Scholarship Dinner.

*If you choose, your scholarship may be designated for a student pursuing a particular field of study, such as nursing, business or teaching.

Named Scholarships

For 2016, the following scholarships were funded by individuals and organizations in the community:

Annual Scholarships

Brooklyn Foster & Adoptive Parents' Association Scholarship (2)
Emma Christman Memorial Scholarship
Michael Petosa Memorial Scholarship
Annie B. Mariner Scholarship
Robert F. O'Donnell Scholarship
Staten Island Rotary Foundation/Ann H. & Norbert H. Leeseberg
Memorial Scholarship
Margie Ree Stephens Scholarship
The Staten Island Children's Campaign Charitable Trust
The Stephen Siller Children's Foundation Scholarship
Board of Trustees Scholarship
South Shore Kiwanis Club
Legacy Society Scholarships
John Bovasso Memorial Scholarship (2)
Alex Inserra Memorial Scholarship
TD Bank Foundation

Individual Legacy Scholarships

Lynn C. Persing Scholarship
Mazzeo Family Scholarship
Victory State Bank Scholarship
Avalon Gray Scholarship
Staten Island Giving Circle
Soroptimist International Community Scholarship

Membership Recognition

● Providers of a named scholarship receive an invitation to attend our Annual Scholarship Awards Dinner as a guest of Seamen's Society in June and our scholarship reunion dinner in January.

You will meet the recipient of the scholarship you are funding and see first hand how your donation is helping this young person achieve their goals, *in addition to those benefits listed below;*

All named scholarships will be acknowledged in our brochure and website.

● "Legacy Society" members names will be acknowledged at podium during awards dinner and listed on website. Donations of \$250 or more will receive 2 tickets to the Awards Dinner.

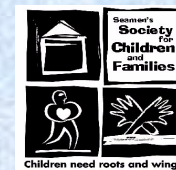
● All supporters of Seamen's Society's Scholarship Fund receive notices to our special events and receive Seamen's Society's Newsletter and Annual Report.

The most important recognition is the knowledge that you have made an investment in helping to secure a brighter and more promising future for a young person in our community.

To make a donation or receive information on how to set up a scholarship fund please contact the Development Office at 718-447-7740 ext. 4269 or email christinamarino@roots-wings.org

All gifts should be made payable to:

Friends of Seamen's Society



All services are provided by Seamen's Society for Children and Families without regard to one's race, ethnicity, gender, age, religion or sexual orientation.

History

Founded in 1846 as the Society for the Relief of Destitute Children of Seamen, Seamen's Society for Children and Families has provided innovative and effective solutions that enable children to survive and thrive. It was one of the first organizations in the country to care for abused and abandoned children in foster homes rather than in institutions.

Seamen's Society Today

Today, serving over 1,500 children each year in New York City, Seamen's Society's programs protect and care for our most vulnerable children while strengthening families to overcome family problems that can threaten a child's safety and future.

Our Mission

Seamen's Society for Children and Families will provide the highest quality services in the community to strengthen and preserve families so that children and adults have the opportunity to realize their full potential.

Funding

Seamen's Society for Children and Families is funded through contracts with New York City, New York State, the Federal Government, grants from foundations; and donations from concerned individuals and businesses.

Seamen's Society for Children and Families is a private, not-for profit agency and approved by the IRS as a 501 (c)3 tax exempt charitable organization.

A copy of the agency's latest audited financial statements can be requested by calling the Development Office of Seamen's Society at 1-718-447-7740 ext. 4269.

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