



Scholarship Application 2025

Founded in 1997, the mission of the Azorean Maritime Heritage Society (AMHS) is to promote Azorean culture and whaling heritage by raising awareness and pride in our community. This rich maritime heritage has been shared on both sides of the Atlantic between the Azores and the Greater New Bedford area for more than 150 years.

This year AMHS has designated seven scholarships to be awarded to high school seniors or first time freshman applicants who will be enrolled in an undergraduate college program or an accredited trade school during the next academic year. As a New Bedford based organization, we strongly encourage New Bedford students to apply, but the scholarship is available for all students to apply.

Dr. Mary T. Vermette Scholarship - \$2,000

Honoring the founder of the Azorean Maritime Heritage Society.

Faial Scholarship - \$1,500

Pico Scholarship - \$1,500

Bela Vista Scholarship - \$1,500

Named after the three authentically handcrafted Azorean whaleboats that are regularly used by AMHS members.

Maria Jose & Diamantino Fidalgo Memorial Scholarship - \$1,000

Preference will be given to a student who plans to pursue Maritime Studies.

Memorial Scholarship honoring Arminda C.N.S. da Silva - \$1,000

Preference will be given to a student who plans to pursue the field of Education

In Memory of Jose Pacheco Branco and Clotilde da Rosa Branco - \$1,000

In order to be considered for a scholarship, applicants must meet ALL of the following criteria.

- Write a brief essay of 250-300 words illustrating one of the following: your commitment to the community, your appreciation for Azorean culture, or your relationship to the sea such as boating, marine studies, fishing, or other water activities.
- Enclose an official transcript of your grades and class standing.
- Enclose a copy of your SAT scores if you were required to take them.
- Enclose one letter of recommendation from a teacher or other unrelated adult.
- Submit this application along with all required documents postmarked by **April 1, 2025** to:

Azorean Maritime Heritage Society

Scholarship Committee

P.O. Box 40942

New Bedford, MA 02744



Personal Information
(will be kept confidential)

Name: _____

Address: _____ City/Town: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Student Phone #: _____ Student Cell #: _____

Student Email: _____

School Presently Attending: _____

Anticipated Graduation Date: _____

Parents / Guardians Name(s): _____

Parents / Guardians Phone #: _____

Parents / Guardians Email : _____

Are any other immediate family members currently attending college? Yes No

How many? What year(s)?

What is your family's yearly household income?
\$30,000 or less \$30,000 - \$60,000
\$60,000 - \$90,000 \$90,000 or more

Name of School you plan to attend: _____

Anticipated Field of Study: _____

Anticipated Annual Costs: _____

Tuition \$: _____ Room & Board \$: _____

Transportation \$: _____ Other \$: _____

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Are you or someone in your family a member of AMHS? Yes No

If not, do you have an AMHS member referring you? Yes No

If yes to any of the above two questions, what is the name of the member? _____

Have you ever volunteered at any AMHS events? Yes No

Have you ever done any other community volunteering? Yes No

If Yes, please describe your volunteer experience below.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

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