

# 2010 Norm Manly YMTA Maritime Educational Scholarship

## Letter of Support Guidelines For Teachers and Members of Maritime Community



The Youth Maritime Training Association (YMTA) is a non-discriminating non-profit organization incorporated in the State of Washington and dedicated to serving the youth of Washington State by promoting the preparation of students in elementary, middle and high school for maritime careers. Norm Manly YMTA scholarships, funded by members of the Seattle maritime community, provide financial assistance for students seeking to be trained and educated for a maritime career including marine science. Through these scholarships, YMTA aims to invest in students, helping them to develop the skills, training and education that will allow them to become valued and integral members of the maritime community.

Following are guidelines that may be used when completing a Letter of Support for a student applying for the YMTA Scholarship and the Pacific Maritime Magazine Scholarship.

- Comment on the student's strengths and what you believe the student will gain through the receipt of the YMTA Scholarship.
- Tell us how you know the student and when you began your association.
- When commenting on any of the following, please provide examples wherever possible.
  - Honors and activities
  - Leadership
  - Work experience
  - Character
  - Initiative
  - Intellectual curiosity
  - Demonstrated commitment to the maritime community and pursuing a marine related career.

Please email your letter of support directly to YMTA Scholarship Chairperson or give your letter to the student in a sealed envelope to be submitted along with his/her application to:

YMTA Educational Scholarship Committee  
Att: Carleen See, Chairperson  
PO Box 70425  
Seattle, WA 98127  
[carleeninballard@yahoo.com](mailto:carleeninballard@yahoo.com)

The student's application cannot be considered until all letters of support are received. **The application documents must be received by the deadline Friday 5 pm, February 19, 2010.** If you need additional information, please email Carleen See, [carleeninballard@yahoo.com](mailto:carleeninballard@yahoo.com). The full application can be found online at YMTA website <http://www.ymta.net/ScholarshipProgram.asp>

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