

# MTS Marine Studies Scholarships 2026

## Application Requirements

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### MTS Rising College Scholarship - \$2,500

Open to high school senior-level MTS members who have been accepted into a 2-year or 4-year marine studies program at an accredited college, university, or technical institution.

#### Application materials:

- **Essay:** The Marine Technology Society is interested in providing scholarships to students with a current focus (or future interest) in marine technology, marine engineering, and marine science. Please provide an essay (using the space below, or as a separate document attached below) of no more than 500 words. Your essay **MUST** include the following:
  - Your interest in marine technology
  - How your interest in marine technology relates to your current or planned field of study
  - How you plan to apply your degree
  - If applicable, please include your current use or development of instrumentation or technology
- **Marine Technology, Marine Engineering and/or Marine Science Related Activities plus Honors and Awards Statement:** Statement on engagement in marine-related activities such as volunteering at local Ocean Sciences Bowl events, ROV Competitions, science or engineering festivals, or MTS-affiliated conferences. Participation in initiatives like local aquarium programs, beach or underwater clean-ups, water quality monitoring programs, or aquatic animal monitoring efforts. Contributions to local associations focused on marine-related issues or service to the country—please provide details on how your service connects to marine technology. Include specialized research projects by describing your independent research or your role within a team project. Additionally, provide a bulleted list of honors, awards, and academic achievements from the past two years, such as Dean's List, Science Fair Awards, National Merit Scholar, or other recognitions. The list should be concise.
- **Letter of Recommendation** (ONE required for all scholarships)
- **List of Relevant Courses / Classes**
- **Unofficial Transcript** (only one from most recent academic institution)

### John C. Bajus Scholarship - \$1,000

Open to MTS members who are full-time graduate or undergraduate students currently enrolled in or accepted into a 2-year or 4-year marine studies program at an accredited college, university, or technical institution. Applicants must demonstrate a commitment to community service and/or volunteer activities.

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- **Volunteer Hours:** List number of volunteers hours.
- **Statement on Volunteering:** Comments highlighting the volunteerism and community service.
- **Volunteer Verification:** First name, last name, and email for volunteer supervisor/coordinator.
- **Letter of Recommendation** (ONE required for all scholarships)
- **List of Relevant Courses / Classes**
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### Dieter Family Scholarship - Up to \$1,500

Open to MTS members who are full-time graduate or undergraduate students currently enrolled in or accepted into a 2-year or 4-year marine studies program at an accredited college, university, or technical institution. Full student registration and UP TO \$1,500 for travel-related expenses **to attend Underwater Intervention from Dec 2-4, 2026 in New Orleans, LA.** Winners will be required to submit an expense report with all receipts to ensure the money was used properly. Final approval will be determined by the MTS office.

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#### **The Paros-Digiquartz Scholarship - \$2,000**

Open to MTS members who are full-time graduate or undergraduate students currently enrolled in or accepted into a 2-year or 4-year marine studies program at an accredited college, university, or technical institution. Applicants must have an interest in marine instrumentation.

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- **Marine Technology Development Activities Statement:** Please be specific as to the type of technology applied, augmented or developed (can include computer models and software).
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#### **Charles H. Bussmann Undergraduate Scholarship - \$2,500**

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#### Charles H. Bussmann Graduate Scholarship - \$2,500

Open to MTS members who are full-time graduate students currently enrolled in or accepted into a marine studies program at an accredited institution.

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#### **MTS ROV Committee Scholarship - \$5,000**

Open to MTS members who are full-time undergraduate students currently enrolled in or accepted into a 2-year or 4-year marine studies program at an accredited college, university, or technical institution. Applicants must demonstrate an interest in Remotely Operated Vehicles (ROVs).

#### **Application materials:**

- **Essay:** Submit a 500 word or less essay of your interest in ROVs or underwater work that furthers the use of ROVs.
- **Letter of Recommendation** (ONE required for all scholarships)
- **Unofficial Transcript** (only one from most recent academic institution)