

## 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 themselves, and to help define their hopes and aspirations for the future.

To do this effectively, our children also 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 2004, at our seventh Annual Scholarship Awards Dinner, Seamen's Society presented scholarships to 23 its young men and women. These students are presently studying at various colleges and schools, including Brandeis University, College of Staten Island, John Jay College of Criminal Justice, Fairleigh Dickinson University and SUNY colleges.

To qualify for scholarship assistance from the Society, our youth must:

- graduate from high school;
- be accepted at college or vocational school;
- be recommended by their Social Worker and Supervisor;
- be interviewed by the Scholarship Committee of the Board of Trustees.

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 of a 3.0 grade point average receive \$750 per semester.

## How to establish a Scholarship

**Annual Scholarship:** A gift of \$1,000 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 \$1,000 to Seamen's Society's Scholarship Fund.

**A Scholarship in Perpetuity:** A gift of \$10,000 enables your scholarship to be given in perpetuity in your name or in memory of a loved one. Your \$10,000 gift is placed in the Society's restricted Scholarship Fund. At 10% interest, this gift will produce \$1,000 annually. A convenient schedule of payments can be arranged to suit your needs.

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

A donation of any kind to the Scholarship Fund is always welcome.

## Named Scholarships

For 2004-05, the following scholarships are funded by individuals and organizations in the community:

### Endowed Scholarships

Raymond Boyce Memorial Scholarship  
Con Edison Scholarships

Eugene and Anne McCaffery Memorial Scholarship  
Janet Comtois Stirn Memorial Scholarship  
Virginia M. Whalen Memorial Scholarship

### Annual Scholarships

Brooklyn Foster Parents' Association Scholarship  
Embler-Cilenti Family Scholarship  
Joseph and Dorothy Conti Scholarship  
Annie B. Mariner Scholarship  
Robert F. O'Donnell Scholarship  
Sgt. Doreen Scrimenti Memorial Scholarship  
South Shore Rotary Scholarship  
Staten Island Children's Campaign Scholarship  
Susan Maher and Dr. Varinder P. Singh Scholarship  
Staten Island Rotary Foundation/Ann H. & Norbert H. Leeseberg Memorial Scholarship  
Gail and Peter Salvatore Scholarship  
Margie Ree Stephens Scholarship

## Membership Recognition

■ With a gift of \$10,000, your name, the name of a loved one, or the name of your company or organization, will be inscribed on our *Roll of Honor*, to be displayed in Seamen's Society's Board Room, *in addition to those benefits listed below*;

■ Providers of a named scholarship receive an invitation to attend our Annual Scholarship Awards Dinner as a guest of Seamen's Society.

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*;

■ Providers of a named scholarship for a third year receive membership in the *Children's Millennium Society*.

As a member, your name is listed on a plaque in Seamen's Society's Board Room and you receive a distinctive pin to wear to denote your membership and support of the mission of Seamen's Society, *in addition to those benefits listed below*;

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

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



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.

## Our 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 institutions.

## Seamen's Society Today

Today, serving over 7,500 children each year in New York City, the Society's programs protect and care for our most vulnerable children while strengthening families to overcome alcohol, substance abuse and other family problems that can threaten a child's safety and future.

## Funding

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

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 1-888-837-6687S Extension 4269.



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in our children  
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