

Scholarship Program

of the Greater New Orleans Barge Fleeting Association

as defined in Article 5 of our By-Laws

Section 8.

The Programming and Public Relations Committee shall handle all matters involving public relations and press releases to industry or general interest publications involving the activities of the Association. It shall be responsible for maintaining and promoting the Association's Internet site, www.gnobfa.org, and for publishing the Association's newsletter, *The Drift*, at least biannually. The Programming and Public Relations Committee shall also devise, plan and present all programs of the Association, including but not limited to the Seafood Party, Forum, Charity Golf Tournament, Family Night, Christmas Party, and any other events authorized by the Board of Governors. The Programming and Public Relations Committee shall also administer the Scholarship Program of the Association, in accordance with the following criteria:

Background and Purposes:

The Greater New Orleans Barge Fleeting Association's Scholarship Program was established to encourage the employees of Regular Members to participate in the activities of GNOBFA. Those eligible for consideration for a scholarship from GNOBFA. are the employees, spouses, children (including natural, adopted and stepchildren), and grandchildren of employees of the Regular Members in good standing. The Association utilizes the definition of spouse, child and grandchild as established for federal income tax purposes. The spouse, child or grandchild must be a "dependent" at the time the scholarship is awarded by the Board of Governors. Employees of Associate Members and Honorary Members are not eligible for participation in the Scholarship Program. Further, to be eligible for a scholarship, an employee of a Regular Member must be certified by his or her employer to be a full time, payroll employee of that company. Direct employment by the Regular Member (rather than a parent, subsidiary, or affiliated company) is required.

Discretion of the Board of Governors:

The availability of scholarships in any given year is at the sole discretion of the Board of Governors. The Board of Governors shall make a determination as soon as practicable each calendar year as to whether scholarships will be awarded during that calendar year, based on the Board of Governors' review of prior participation in the program and the Association's financial ability to award scholarships.

Eligibility:

To be eligible to receive a scholarship, in addition to the criteria set forth above, an applicant must be a full time student attending an accredited college or university and maintaining a minimum "C" average or a 2.0 on a 4.0 scale. The applicant must have already completed one semester of course study at an accredited college or university and must be in good standing with the institution attended. The applicant may not be on academic or disciplinary probation.

No employee's family may apply for more than two (2) scholarships in any calendar year.

The Application Process:

The Committee shall adopt an application which must be fully completed by the applicant and forwarded, certified mail, return receipt requested to:

GNOBFA
Chairperson, Scholarships
P. O. Box 355
Destrehan, LA 70047

The completed application must be accompanied by a transcript from the institution attended and by a certificate signed by a qualified representative of the Regular Member attesting to the employee's eligibility to participate in the Scholarship Program. Any application which is not fully completed or is not accompanied by a transcript shall not be considered.

Time for Filing:

Applications may be submitted between May 1 and June 15. Applications received outside of this time period shall not be considered. There are no exceptions to this rule.

The Programming and Public Relations Committee:

The Programming and Public Relations Committee (the "Committee") shall be chaired by a Chairperson, who is appointed by the President. The Committee shall consist of at least two members of the Board of Governors, the President of the Association, and two employees of Regular Members who are not serving on the Board of Governors. The President shall be entitled to vote only in the event of a tie. No one (except the President, who is an *ex officio* member) may serve on the Committee who is or has a spouse, child or grandchild applying for a scholarship.

Selection Criteria:

The Committee follows a selection criteria adopted by the Board of Governors. Any changes to the selection criteria shall be published to the Regular Members of the Association. The Committee shall review all applications timely submitted and properly completed pursuant to the selection criteria, and make a recommendation to the Board of Governors as to (a) how many scholarships should be awarded; (b) the applicants to whom scholarships should be awarded; and (c) the amount which should be awarded to each applicant. The recommendation of the Committee shall be made to the Board of Governors at its July Meeting.

The Board of Governors shall either adopt or reject the Committee's recommendations. If a member of the Board of Governors is or has a spouse, child or grandchild who is an applicant for a scholarship, that member of the Board of Governors is ineligible to vote. If the Board accepts the recommendations of the Committee, the determination is final. If the Board of Governors refuses to adopt the Committee's recommendations, the Committee shall be directed to reconsider its recommendations and present new recommendations to the Board of Governors at the next Board Meeting.

Award:

GNOBFA will notify recipients no later than July 31st of the scholarships awarded and the amount awarded will be forwarded directly to the institution to be attended by that date. (The only exception is if the Board has not confirmed the Committee's recommendations, in which case notification and payment of awards will be made as soon as practicable.) In the event any recipient becomes ineligible for an award (for example: withdrawal from school, a Regular Member no longer being in good standing with the Association, or changing status from a Regular Member to an Associate Member, etc.), the award shall be forfeited and may, at the discretion of the Board of Governors, be made available for award to another applicant.