

## 2018 Ports Day Scholarship Contest

The California Association of Port Authorities (CAPA) announces its inaugural Ports Day Scholarship Contest! Ports Day, taking place on **February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2018**, celebrates the eleven public ports serving the State of California and their contributions to the local, state, and national economies.

*CA's Public Ports include:*

Humboldt Bay Harbor District	Port of Redwood City
Port of Hueneme	Port of Richmond
Port of Long Beach	Port of San Diego
Port of Los Angeles	Port of San Francisco
Port of Oakland	Port of Stockton
	Port of West Sacramento

Since 1940, CAPA has been committed to advocating for statewide policies that enhance the abilities of the Ports of California to provide jobs to Californians, protect the environment, and be leaders in global commerce. The contest will consist of applicants submitting a 500 – 600 word essay.

### ELIGIBILITY

To qualify as an applicant for the CAPA Inaugural Ports Day Scholarship, candidates must:

- Be a senior at a public or private high school within the State of California.
- Have a grade point average of at least 3.0.
- Enroll full-time at an accredited college, university, community or junior college or vocational/technical program located in the State of California for the fall of 2018.

### CRITERIA

Scholarship awards are based upon academic ability, potential, professional interest, quality and creativity of essay entry, and dedication to the commitment of international trade and/or the port industry.

Winning essays will be announced on May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2018 and winners awarded a \$1,000 cash scholarship to be used towards that student's college educational costs.

Essay must be in English and be 500 to 600 words in length, typewritten and double-spaced in 12 point font. Facts and quotations should be appropriately cited either in the body of the essay or in footnotes. Entry must be an original, unpublished essay written by the applicant. Additionally, the application email must also include a completed Application Form (attached).



## **HOW TO APPLY – Submit an original essay**

(1) Write a 500 - 600 word **essay** on one of the follow prompts:

- What are Ports in California currently doing to support a cleaner environment?
- What role do California’s Ports play in global commerce?
- How do the Ports of California create local jobs?
- What are the economic benefits of having 11 Ports in the State of California?
- How can California’s Ports reduce their environmental footprint while increasing their imports/exports?

(2) Submit the Essay with your Application Form via email to [info@californiaports.org](mailto:info@californiaports.org) by the deadline of Monday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 5pm.

## **APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS**

The following documents must be submitted along with your Application Form and Essay:

- Attach an electronic copy of high school transcripts with official grade point average.
- Other documentation that you feel is appropriate.

## **DEADLINE**

Your completed application must be emailed by 5pm on Monday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018 to [info@californiaports.org](mailto:info@californiaports.org).

*If you have any questions, please contact:*

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## Application Form

1. First and Last name of applicant: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Grade and School: \_\_\_\_\_
3. Address of Parent/Guardian(s): \_\_\_\_\_
4. Best number to reach the applicant should the committee have questions: \_\_\_\_\_
5. Please verify the following statement in your email submission of the application:
  - Yes, I affirm that I have at least a 3.0 GPA.
  - Yes, I attest that the submission is my original work.
  - Yes, I give the California Association of Port Authorities and its member Ports permission to share my work publicly. This may include, but is not limited to, sharing online via a website or social media, displayed at an event, or shared with community members.

*(Attach this with your Essay)*