



# **MARK LANDRY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

## **General Information**

Provided through:

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### Introduction

The Mark Landry Memorial Scholarship honors Mark Joseph Landry (1963-2012) of Biloxi, Mississippi. Mr. Landry served as the Workforce Development Director at Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College. Representing his institution, Mr. Landry was a strong supporter of the Gulf States Shipbuilders Consortium (GSSC) and worked tirelessly with the organization to launch two pilot shipfitter boot camps. In addition to making facilities available, he provided administrative support throughout the registration, pre-qualification, training, graduation, and career fair process. After the pilots ended, he continued to advance the program, hosting a third boot camp and began working with local shipyards to replicate the model for other production crafts. Mr. Landry had a cooperative spirit and a true understanding of the value of partnerships as it related to workforce development. His career in workforce development impacted the lives of countless students and adults.

GSSC's mission is to promote increased productivity and improved competitiveness in the shipbuilding and repair industry. The organization's main focus areas are recruiting, training, and retaining a world-class workforce to fill the 4,000+ shipbuilding and repair job openings that currently exist along the gulf coast. In keeping with the mission of GSSC, the Mark Landry Memorial Scholarship is a non-discriminatory, educational scholarship program for individuals interested in pursuing a career in the industry represented by GSSC. Awards are provided to offset the cost of tuition and fees to help recipients learn new skills or upgrade existing ones in order to achieve their career goals and objectives. The scholarship is funded by GSSC.

### Purpose

The purpose of the Mark Landry Memorial Scholarship is to assist motivated individuals seeking to learn new skills or upgrade existing skills in areas that would prepare them to launch or advance a career in the shipbuilding and repair industry. GSSC recognizes individuals by providing funds for individuals to register or continue their education at accredited colleges, universities, or approved training providers located in a Gulf Coast state (i.e., Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi, Florida, Texas).

### Eligibility

To be considered for this scholarship, applicants must

1. Be a minimum of eighteen years of age or older.

2. Be a citizen of the United States, reside in a Gulf Coast state, and plan to attend or currently attend an academic institution located within a Gulf Coast state (i.e., Alabama, Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi, or Texas).
3. Have a minimum high school diploma or GED.
4. Have a 2.5 overall grade point average.
5. Provide evidence of financial need.
6. Provide two letters of recommendation.
7. Be planning to enroll in a course of study or training program that will, at a minimum, award a certification and prepare them to work in the shipbuilding and repair industry.

Applicants do not have to be members of the Gulf States Shipbuilding Consortium.

## Selection

Scholarships are awarded through a competitive review process. Applications will be judged using the following criteria:

1. Complete Application Package
2. GPA
3. Evidence of Financial Need
4. Letters of Recommendation
5. Interest in Launching or advancing a Career in Shipbuilding and Repair

Awards are provided for the recipients' education expenses (i.e., tuition and fees) to assist in obtaining the necessary skills to help them achieve their career goals and objectives. Not all applicants will receive an award. The offer of a scholarship is valid only during the academic year for which the offer is made. This scholarship is not transferable. Unclaimed awards will be returned to GSSC for redistribution.

Applications will be reviewed and voted upon by GSSC's Board of Directors. At least five (5) Board members must be present to vote.

GSSC does not discriminate on the basis of age, race, color, national origin, disability, creed, or gender.

## Awards

The Mark Landry Memorial scholarship is funded with proceeds from GSSC's annual Golf Tournament. The total amount available for scholarships will be adjusted each year based on the amount of funds raised from this event.

The first year the scholarship is awarded (2014), five individuals will be selected and awarded a one-time scholarship in the amount of \$1,000. If five qualifying applications are not received, the award amount will be divided equally among those selected.

Awards are for tuition and fees only and will be paid directly to the academic institution by the Gulf States Shipbuilders Consortium and are non-transferable. Unclaimed awards will be returned to GSSC for redistribution.

Recipients of this award may reapply for consideration during subsequent years. Recipients reapplying may not receive this scholarship more than twice.

## Application Information

It is the responsibility of the applicant to complete and submit the application packet and submit it by the established deadline to:

Byron Dunn  
Gulf States Shipbuilders Consortium  
PO Box 50794  
Mobile, AL 36605

Applications must be received no later than midnight on the last Thursday in May.

A complete “original” application must include the following:

- Application (form)*
- Original official transcript(s) from high school and any colleges or universities attended
- Copy of GED certificate, if applicable
- Verification of Enrollment (form)* – This form must be completed by the college, university, or other training entity in which you either plan to enroll or are currently enrolled.
- Statement of Unmet Financial Need (form)* - The form must be completed in full for your application to be considered. This form must be completed by an accredited academic institution even if no FAFSA was filed.
- Two Letters of Recommendation – Letters should document your career objectives, educational goals, leadership ability, and initiative. Letters may also address your ability to work with others, creativity in solving problems, and dependability and any other factor(s) to assist the committee in judging your eligibility.

Applicants should be concise, yet thorough, when answering questions. All financial information provided will remain confidential.

Questions should be directed to:

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## Deadline

Completed applications must be received on or before midnight of the last Thursday in May to be considered for the following academic year.