

# MARINE SOCIETY GREEN SKILLS BURSARY

The Marine Society Green Skills Bursary has been created to support seafarers who are looking to obtain qualifications that will equip them to work in the offshore and renewable sector. Supporting skills transition training in this priority sector is vital as a growing number of seafarers are retraining to work in roles to support offshore wind farms. The maximum bursary available is £500 to help offset the cost of a course from an approved list of sector-required courses.

1. The Marine Society may award, subject to conditions, a Marine Society Green Skills Bursary to a seafarer who needs to take or revalidate specific qualifications essential to work in the offshore and renewables sector.
2. Applications will be considered for approval by the Head of Seafarer Learning and Welfare and the outcome confirmed within 10 working days of receipt. Applicants may appeal a rejection to the Director of Maritime Training and Development whose decision will be final.
3. Eligibility: Applicants must be British Seafarers, resident in the UK, aged 18 years or older, who currently work in the Green Sector or can demonstrate a plan to work in this sector.
4. Applicants who have been in receipt of other scholarships or bursaries from the Marine Society in the past 24 months will not be eligible for further funding.
5. Each bursary is limited to a maximum of £500 per applicant. Only courses from the Charity's approved list of courses will be considered for funding. These courses are regulated by the Global Wind Organisation (GWO) or the Offshore Petroleum Industry Training Organisation (OPITO).
6. Bursaries will support course fees only; it will not cover related subsistence expenses such as travel and accommodation costs.
7. A bursary cannot be awarded more than once to the same person and cannot be claimed retrospectively – i.e. if a course is already paid for or undertaken.
8. A bursary will be valid for a maximum of three months from award, this means the course must be booked within three months of award date, otherwise the bursary will be withdrawn.
9. All sections of the form must be completed clearly and in full. The Marine Society need to be assured that the training is relevant to your re-employment or professional development.

## SECTION A – General particulars

(All details should be completed in BLOCK LETTERS please)

Full name  Nationality

Date of birth // Rank/Rating

Discharge book no.  National Insurance no.

**Please provide a copy of your passport and CV**

## SECTION B – Permanent address (must be UK resident)

Home

Postcode  Email

Telephone no  Mobile

Are you currently training on an apprenticeship? If so, which one?

Employer Present  Last  (tick as appropriate)

Address

Postcode  Telephone no

## SECTION C – Financial assistance requested

1. College/training provider to be attended

2. Course title (no abbreviations)

3. Length of course (weeks)  4. Course cost

Course start date / /

5. Details of the role, location and employer (if known) that this course is required for.

## SECTION D – Personal details

1. Next of kin:  
Contact details for next of kin

Relationship to next of kin

## SECTION E – Personal narrative

Please provide a personal narrative in the space provided. This should include a narrative of your most recent role and future plans, any other relevant information which has not already been included in this application. Maximum 500 words

Please ensure that you submit the following evidence with your application, please tick:

- 1. Provide full details of the course to be taken in this application.
- 2. Personal narrative and reason for choosing your course.
- 3. A copy of your CV.
- 4. Copy of your Passport.
- 5. Copy of your expired or soon to expire certificates (if applying for funding to update them).

Signature

Date //

# Financial assistance for UK seafarers

## Notes

The Marine Society offers a range of scholarships and bursaries to help seafarers advance their professional and academic qualifications.

1. The Hanway Scholarship was created in memory of Jonas Hanway, one of the founders of the Marine Society in 1756 and is primarily aimed at seafarers who need to take qualifications essential to work at sea or to support seafarers with their continuing professional development where there is no support from their employer/ship owner or for those who do not qualify for a Slater Scholarship (see note 2). Scholarships are restricted to British seafarers domiciled in the United Kingdom. Applications for a Hanway Scholarship can be made to the Marine Society at any time. Each application is considered on its merits. The Marine Society's decision is final and the charity is under no obligation to give reasons for that decision.
2. The Marine Society, on behalf of Nautilus International, administers the John William Slater Scholarship for Ratings (Deck and Engine) aspiring to qualify for their first Officer of the Watch Certificate of Competency and Electro Technical Officers, yacht and Workboat crew gain STCW certification. About 50 scholarships are granted each year. Applications can be made to the Marine Society at any time. Each application is considered on its merits. Candidates are required to write a short narrative on themselves, their reasons for applying, and provide a reference from a senior officer or their shipping company.
3. The Marine Society Green Skills Bursary has been created to support seafarers who are looking to obtain qualifications that will equip them to work in the offshore and renewable sector. Supporting skills transition training in this priority sector is vital as a growing number of seafarers are retraining to work in roles to support offshore wind farms. The maximum bursary available is £500 to help offset the cost of a course from an approved list of sector-required courses.
4. The Marine Society's Worcester Scholarships are primarily aimed at the qualified mariner who wishes to gain a higher academic qualification in the maritime field – such as a BEng (Hons) or BSc(Hons) in Maritime Operations or Marine Engineering – which would lead on to a continued career in the maritime industry. In certain special circumstances, a Worcester Scholarship may be awarded to a seafarer for a higher professional qualification where there is no support from their employer/ship owner, or for those who are overqualified for a Slater Scholarship (see note 2). Scholarships are restricted to British seafarers domiciled in the United Kingdom. Applications for a Worcester Scholarship can be made to the Marine Society at any time. Each application is considered on its merits. The Marine Society's decision is final and the charity is under no obligation to give reasons for that decision.

## All applications for financial assistance should be sent to:

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