

HANWAY-SLATER SCHOLARSHIP

Created in memory of Jonas Hanway, one of the founders of the Marine Society, to support seafarers who need to take qualifications essential to work at sea or that contribute to their continuing professional development. From 2026, the Nautilus Slater Fund has generously agreed to support this scholarship, as both charitable funds share aligned objectives in advancing and enabling seafarer training.

1. The Marine Society may offer, subject to conditions, a Hanway-Slater Scholarship to a British seafarer domiciled in the UK. College fees and associated costs while undertaking studies for professional advancement may be covered.
2. Application for a scholarship should be submitted at least one month prior to the start of the course.
3. A Hanway-Slater Scholarship 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.
4. We may require documentary evidence from the course provider that you are starting the course on the date agreed. We shall not release any funds until we have this evidence.
5. 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.
6. Bursaries will support course fees only; it will not cover related subsistence expenses such as travel and accommodation costs.
7. The Marine Society is seeking a well thought out financial plan that will facilitate successful completion. We also need to be assured that the course is relevant to your professional development and/or required to work at sea and that other means of funding it have been explored.
8. A bursary will be valid for a maximum of six months from award, this means the course must be booked or taken within six months of award date, otherwise the bursary will be withdrawn.

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

SECTION B – Permanent address

Home			
Postcode		Email	
Telephone no		Mobile	
Lodgings (if applicable)			
Postcode		Telephone no	

Shipping company Present ☐ Last ☐ (tick as appropriate)

Address

Postcode Telephone no

1. College/training provider to be attended

2. Course title (no abbreviations)

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

Course start date //

SECTION C – Financial assistance requested

1. The details of anticipated expenditure for which I need financial assistance are:

2. I would therefore like to be considered for a scholarship of £ to assist with this expenditure.

SECTION D – Personal details

1. Next of kin:

Contact details for next of kin

Relationship to next of kin

2. We would expect you to have approached your employer for funding assistance to support your professional development.

Have you done so? Yes ☐ No ☐

3. Are you anticipating receiving other financial help to complete this programme of study? Yes ☐ No ☐

If the answer is yes, please provide details:

4. Name of referee

Occupation

Address

Postcode Tel

SECTION E – Personal narrative

Please provide a personal narrative in the space provided. This should include any other relevant information which has not already been included in this application.

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-Slater 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-Slater 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-Slater 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-Slater 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-Slater 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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