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Marine Trades Association of New Jersey Offers Education Scholarships for 2009/2010 Academic Year

Manasquan, NJ – The Marine Trades Association of New Jersey (MTA/NJ) is pleased to announce the availability of three Education Scholarships for the 2009-2010 school year open to students interested in pursuing a career in the marine industry. The first scholarship is a \$3000 MTA/NJ Education Scholarship that can be applied towards any marine trades program at any school. The MTA/NJ Foundation was established to help promote boating safety and education and most recently to fund a new scholarship to encourage education in the marine trades field. The MTA/NJ Foundation has been successful in raising funds over the last three years and has awarded over \$6,000 in scholarships. The MTA/NJ was able to double the amount of the scholarship this year thanks in part to a \$1500 scholarship award from the Marine Retailers Association of America (MRAA). The MTA/NJ Foundation hopes to continue this scholarship and assist in promoting the many exciting career opportunities available in the marine industry.

In addition to the MTA/NJ Education Scholarship, Pennco Tech School, in Blackwood, New Jersey, and the Automotive Training Center in Pennsylvania are sponsoring full scholarships to students interested in their Marine Technician Program and/or Marine Service Technology Program.

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All three scholarships are open to any New Jersey resident who has recently graduated high school or is currently enrolled in a post secondary vocational program, and has a strong desire to succeed in a marine industry vocational/technical program to further their education in the marine industry. The applicant must show ambition and intend to pursue a career in the recreational marine industry in New Jersey. Information about the scholarships including an overview of the application process, all three applications, and a downloadable brochure highlighting the many career opportunities in the marine industry are available online at www.mtanj.org . **Click on Education Scholarships on the home page.** All students are encouraged to speak to their guidance counselor if they are interested in applying for any of these education scholarships.

“The Marine Trades Association of New Jersey Foundation’s goal is to help any individual who is serious about pursuing a career in the marine trades industry,” stated MTA/NJ Executive Director, Melissa Danko. “There are many rewarding and exciting careers available in the industry and we are pleased to have the opportunity to be able to provide these excellent education scholarships.” For more information about the MTA/NJ Foundation or to make a donation, please contact the MTA/NJ offices at 732-292-1051; email: info@mtanj.org.

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