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Marine Trades Association of New Jersey Offers Education Scholarships for 2011-2012 Academic Year

Manasquan, NJ – The Marine Trades Association of New Jersey (MTA/NJ) is pleased to announce the availability of two Education Scholarships for the 2011-2012 school year open to students interested in pursuing a career in the recreational marine industry. The first scholarship is a \$1,500 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 to help fund a new scholarship to encourage education in the marine trades field. The MTA/NJ Foundation has been successful in raising funds and has awarded over \$14,000 in scholarships and awards over the last five years.

In addition to the MTA/NJ Education Scholarship, the Automotive Training Center in Pennsylvania is sponsoring a half scholarship, valued at \$9,000, to students interested in their Marine Technician Program and/or Marine Service Technology Program. The Automotive Training Center offers hands-on training and experience while performing maintenance and repair on inboard and outboard engines manufactured by Honda and Mercury Marine as well as other major manufacturers.

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Both scholarships are open to any New Jersey resident who has or will have recently graduated high school 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, applications, and a downloadable brochure highlighting the many career opportunities in the marine industry are available online at mtanj.org. **Click on Scholarships on the home page.** All students are encouraged to speak to their guidance counselor if they are interested in applying for either of these education scholarships. Applications are due April 1, 2011.

“In today’s economy, it is important for individuals to explore all of the opportunities and careers that are available to them and the boating industry is the perfect place to start. There are many rewarding, exciting and year-round careers in the marine trades,” stated MTA/NJ Executive Director, Melissa Danko. “It is our hope that by offering these scholarships, we are not only providing an opportunity for someone to find the perfect career for them but raising awareness of all that the boating industry offers.” 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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