

2026 Scholarship Application Instruction Form

The Youth Nautical Education Foundation (YNEF) was created in 2010 with a mission to encourage young men and women to become actively involved in sailing; acquiring knowledge and skills that would serve them throughout their lives. Providing scholarship support to young sailing enthusiasts is an important strategy to help fulfill our mission.

By its charter, the scope of the YNEF is not limited to the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club and its members, as evidenced by the many programs that assist schools and youth throughout Greater Detroit, defined by the areas represented by DRYA-member clubs.

YNEF scholarships can be earned by high school senior and college/university students who will attend college/university classes in the 2026 academic year. A key requisite for consideration the applicant has participated in an area high school and/or DRYA club sailing program.

For scholarship consideration, a student meeting the guidelines noted above must complete and submit a 2026 Youth Nautical Education Foundation (YNEF) Scholarship Application form, with the required documentation, by **April 4, 2026**.

The assessment process will be conducted under the supervision of the YNEF Board and scoring will be based on three (3) criteria defined in the Application:

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| 1.) Sailing Experience and Leadership | 40 points |
| 2.) Essay Topics | 40 points |
| 3.) Scholastic: High School GPA | 20 points |

As noted, each individual criterion has a maximum numerical value (points) used in the final assessment. 100 points are the maximum to be earned. The YNEF Board is the sole judge.

There will be up to ten scholarships awarded. The students with the highest total point totals each will be awarded a \$2,000 scholarship, to be paid to their account at the College or University indicated on their application form.

Awardees will be informed on April 30, 2026 and their award ceremony will be held in May 2026 at Grosse Pointe Yacht Club. All awardees are requested to attend.

Completed applications with the requested documentation must be submitted by April 4, 2026. It is asked that the application only be submitted when complete, and all information provided.

2026 Scholarship Application Form and Instructions are available at the YNEF website (ynef.org).

If you have any questions, please contact me at (313) 510-4058 or via email at: jjmarrow4@comcast.net

Good luck...and smooth sailing.

Jim Morrow, President, GPYNEF

Information to assist completion/submission of the 2026 YNEF Scholarship Application

• General information from Applicant

Information required facilitating contact. If the applicant has two addresses, please use the one where the applicant's parents/guardians reside as the "permanent address". If the college decision hasn't been finalized, submit the prime choice. If the choice changes, the scholarship monies will be transferred to the applicant's account at the college/university finally chosen.

This general information is requested to be typewritten, but handwritten, printed forms will be accepted.

• Scoring

Scholarship applications will be judged under the control of the YNEF Board, the sole judge of scholarship awards. Scoring will occur after all applications are submitted.

Three (3) distinct criteria (scoring elements) will be evaluated and scored. All scoring element submittals are requested to be typewritten.

• Scoring Elements

1. Essays (40 points)

The applicant will write two essays on the required topics with a maximum of 250 words each.

They must be personally written by the applicant and submitted on separate pages with the applicant's name on each page. Essays may be tested to determine if any artificial intelligence (AI) writing tools are used. *Any essay submitted with AI writing tools will not be scored.*

The YNEF views the insights of these young sailors to be invaluable in shaping and improving future junior sailing programs.

2. Sailing Experience and Leadership (40 points)

The page(s) to be submitted for this section should be organized into a participation section and leadership section. Judges are not looking for extensive reports of an applicant's accomplishments, but rather a concise record of all their sailing activities.

While all experiences are solicited, most weight will be given to participation and leadership of the applicant in their high school years. College/University experiences will not be considered but pre-high school experiences will. Identify the function that the applicant undertook in every experience; avoid providing experiences where the applicant was not an active participant.

Since college students may apply for this scholarship, to put this assessment on equal grounds only experiences up to February of the applicant's senior year in high school will be scored.

Since policies of the Inter-Collegiate Sailing Association (ICSA) can exclude sailors from college competition if they receive scholarship monies for "sailing ability", no race results should be submitted or will be considered.

Information should be submitted with the name of the applicant on every page(s). Be concise in describing what was done for each year of participation and leadership.

3. Scholastic Information (20 points)

High school grade point average (GPA) will be scored on a sliding scale. Copies of official reports must be submitted for each element. Official or certified copies are not required.

Grade Point Average (GPA) – The GPA results for the high school years (grades 9, 10, 11 &12) through the mid-term results of grade 12 are to be submitted. To facilitate assessment, the GPA score should be highlighted. A full listing of grades and courses is not required. Applicants that have graduated from high school should submit and highlight an estimate of the midterm senior year GPA to allow an equal assessment.

If the grades 9 through 12 GPA results are from different schools, please submit and highlight an estimate of the total GPA, providing information in sufficient detail that the assessment can be validated.

The applicant should submit a copy of an official transcript that includes their Grade Point Average (GPA) that includes the high school grades through the midterm of grade 12. A full listing of grades and courses is not required and applicants that have graduated from high school should submit a midterm grade 12.

Affirmation and Signature

The submittal of this application for a scholarship is required to be signed by the applicant, attesting that the applicant has supplied correct information and the applicant has written the essays. If the applicant is not yet 18 years old, signature of a parent or guardian is necessary.

Application & supporting information must be sent via certified mail prior to April 4, 2026 or **delivered to GPYC offices by 5:00 p.m. on April 4, 2026.**

Mailing address:

Grosse Pointe Yacht Club
YNEF Scholarship Application
788 Lake Shore Road
Grosse Pointe Shores, Michigan, 48236.