



## **Scholarship Application 2026**

Founded in 1997, the mission of the Azorean Maritime Heritage Society (AMHS) is to promote Azorean culture and whaling heritage by raising awareness and pride in our community. This rich maritime heritage has been shared on both sides of the Atlantic between the Azores and the Greater New Bedford area for more than 150 years.

This year AMHS has designated six scholarships to be awarded to high school seniors or first time freshman applicants who will be enrolled in an undergraduate college program or an accredited trade school during the next academic year. As a New Bedford based organization, we strongly encourage New Bedford students to apply, but the scholarship is available for all students to apply.

### **Dr. Mary T. Vermette Scholarship - \$2,000**

Honoring the founder of the Azorean Maritime Heritage Society.

### **Faial Scholarship - \$1,500**

### **Pico Scholarship - \$1,500**

### **Bela Vista Scholarship - \$1,500**

Named after the three authentically handcrafted Azorean whaleboats that are regularly used by AMHS members.

### **Memorial Scholarship honoring Arminda C.N.S. da Silva - \$1,000**

Preference will be given to a student who plans to pursue the field of Education

### **In Memory of Jose Pacheco Branco and Clotilde da Rosa Branco - \$1,000**

In order to be considered for a scholarship, applicants must meet ALL of the following criteria.

- Write a brief essay of 250-300 words illustrating one of the following: your commitment to the community, your appreciation for Azorean culture, or your relationship to the sea such as boating, marine studies or other water activities.
- Enclose an official transcript of your grades and class standing.
- Enclose a copy of your SAT scores if you were required to take them.
- Enclose one letter of recommendation from a teacher or other unrelated adult.
- Submit this application along with all required documents postmarked by **April 1, 2026** to:

**Azorean Maritime Heritage Society**

**Scholarship Committee**

P.O. Box 40942

New Bedford, MA 02744



Personal Information  
(will be kept confidential)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City/Town: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Student Cell #: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Email: \_\_\_\_\_

School Presently Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Anticipated Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parents / Guardians Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Parents / Guardians Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Parents / Guardians Email : \_\_\_\_\_

Are any other immediate family members currently attending college?      Yes      No

How many?      What year(s)?

What is your family's yearly household income? (circle one)  
\$30,000 or less      \$30,000 - \$60,000      more than \$120,000  
\$60,000 - \$90,000      \$90,000 - 120,000

Name of School you plan to attend: \_\_\_\_\_

Anticipated Field of Study: \_\_\_\_\_

Anticipated Annual Costs: \_\_\_\_\_

Tuition \$: \_\_\_\_\_ Room & Board \$: \_\_\_\_\_

Transportation \$: \_\_\_\_\_ Other \$: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you or someone in your family a member of AMHS?      Yes                      No

If not, do you have an AMHS member referring you?      Yes                      No

If yes to any of the above two questions, what is the name of the member? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever volunteered at any AMHS events?              Yes                      No

Have you ever done any other community volunteering?      Yes                      No

If Yes, please describe your volunteer experience below.

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Signature of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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