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NAMEPA and ASA Relaunch Marine Science Scholarship Competition to Support the Next Generation of Maritime Innovators

New York, N.Y. – The [North American Marine Environment Protection Association \(NAMEPA\)](#), in partnership with the [American Salvage Association \(ASA\)](#), is proud to announce the relaunch of its [Marine Science Scholarship Competition](#), inviting high school and undergraduate students to engage directly with real-world challenges facing the marine environment and maritime industry.

Now in its 13th year, the competition provides students with the opportunity to move beyond their classes to apply scientific thinking, technical skills, and problem-solving issues that impact global waters and the systems that depend on them.

Open to students who have participated in science or engineering fairs, the competition calls for submission of original research projects focused on areas ranging from marine ecosystems and biology to naval architecture, alternative fuels, marine salvage, and pollution mitigation.

“This competition connects students directly to the realities of the maritime and marine environment sectors,” said NAMEPA Executive Director, [Molly Dushay](#). “We want to see work that reflects not just understanding, but the ability to apply knowledge in ways that address real challenges.”

Participants are required to submit a project abstract and technical paper, which will be reviewed by a panel of maritime and marine science professionals. Submissions are evaluated based on originality, quality of data, and real-world applicability.

Winning students will receive scholarship awards to support their continued education, along with a unique opportunity to present their work within the maritime industry. Award recipients will be invited to attend NAMEPA’s Annual Conference and Awards Dinner in New York in October, where they will connect directly with industry leaders, researchers, and potential employers.

“We look forward to another year of high-caliber student submissions,” said Mara DuVernois, ASA Education Committee Chair. “Watching young researchers present their work and network with industry leaders is a powerful reminder of the talent and bright future of maritime and marine science sectors.”

Submissions will be accepted from April 1 through October 1, 2026, with winners announced later in the year.

The competition reflects a shared commitment by NAMEPA and ASA to strengthen the pipeline between education and industry by supporting students as they explore careers that are critical to the future of maritime operations and environmental protection.

To view submission criteria and submit your entry, [click here](#).

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About North American Marine Environment Protection Association

The North American Marine Environment Protection Association (NAMEPA) is a maritime industry-led organization preserving the marine environment by promoting resilient maritime industry best practices and educating seafarers, students and the public about the need and strategies for protecting global ocean, lake and river resources. For more information www.namepa.net

About the American Salvage Association

The mission of the American Salvage Association is to be a unifying association of the commercial marine salvage industry, serving as the definitive spokesperson for the industry in Washington, D.C. and elsewhere in North, Central and South America as well as the Caribbean Sea. Learn more about the American Salvage Association at <https://www.americansalvage.org>.

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