

2024 SEA SCHOLAR PRIZE



About

Our goal is for Cape students to reflect on maritime culture and to demonstrate how our region's connection to the sea has impacted the community and/or their own personal lives. High school sophomores, juniors, & seniors may partake in this contest, and the hope is for them to gain valuable insight into our maritime culture.

Prompt #1 Marine Biology

Marine life on Cape Cod has been vital for sustaining all life here. Detail how this intricate ecosystem provides so much for those living on the Cape. You may also include personal examples or experiences from your own life or someone you know.


Guidelines

Acceptable Submission Formats:

(1) Short Essay: 500 words, (2) Poem or other form of artistic writing, (3) Video: length 3-5 minutes, either Documentary style, New story style, or Movie style.

DEADLINE: April 15

(a) Students are to select one prompt to submit; (b) when using outside sources, use proper citation; (c) use of any form of AI tools is strictly prohibited; (d) send your submission via: <https://forms.gle/9EF3nnJfkSD45UkH8>; (e) any violation of these guidelines is grounds for disqualification, and depending on the violation, you could be excluded from future participation in our Sea Scholar Prize; (f) see fine print below.



Prompt #2 Maritime History

In order to complement our new exhibit, "Sailing Against the Tide," we invite you to write about women who have made an impact on the Cape and Islands. Please give an account of and your thoughts on the life of a woman in Cape Cod history who has contributed in a significant way to the Cape Cod community. Think whaling, wartime, science, or navigating. You may also choose to write about a woman you know personally forging the way ahead on the Cape today.

Prizes

There are three prompt categories for submission, with 1st-3rd place prizes for each category. The prizes are as follows: 1st place - \$1,000 & \$500 to winner's school; 2nd place - \$500; 3rd place - \$250. Prize money is restricted solely for college tuition, testing, applications, or other college-related expenses.

Prompt #3 Maritime Museum

The Cape Cod Maritime Museum has become a staple of the Hyannis inner harbor. We host a broad range of maritime exhibits and programs, truly a hidden gem. Come on down to the museum and examine one of the current exhibits on display. How is the topic important? How does the exhibit make you think differently about the history of maritime on Cape Cod? Let staff know you're doing research for the Sea Scholars Prize and receive free admission for you and your family.

1. Upon submission, you will receive an email confirmation that your submission has been received. If you do not receive an email, please reach out to us to verify receipt. Once the submission period is closed, judges will take time to review them, and winners will be announced soon thereafter.
 2. Submissions may be used by the Cape Cod Maritime Museum for promotional and educational purposes. If you wish to opt out, please indicate so on the Google Submission Form.
 3. Questions? Email info@capecodmaritimemuseum.org or call 508-775-1723
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