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Port Launches Scholarship Program for L.B. Students

High school seniors pursuing port-related careers encouraged to apply

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The Port is launching a \$16,000 a year scholarship program for Long Beach high school seniors planning to pursue careers in international trade, goods movement or other port-related industries.

The annual scholarships, which will range from \$1,000 to \$8,000 per student, will be awarded to Long Beach high school seniors and disbursed over four years as the students remain in good academic standing in a major field related to the port industry. The fields include (but are not be limited to), international business, maritime law, global logistics, engineering, environmental science and security.

"We want to help support the future leaders of the goods movement industry," said Port Executive Director Richard D. Steinke. "I encourage any Long Beach student considering a career in international trade, the maritime industry and related fields to apply."

The Port will be accepting the first set of applications through March 17, 2008.

To qualify as an applicant for the Port of Long Beach Scholarship, candidates must graduate from the Long Beach Unified School District, have a minimum grade point average of 3.0, enroll full-time at an accredited college, university, community or junior college or vocational/technical program in the fall of 2008, demonstrate financial need and plan to major in a field related to international trade, goods movement or other port-related industries.

This is the Port's first scholarship program for high school seniors. The Port provides yearly funding for trade-related scholarships at Cal State Long Beach and Long Beach City College.

For more information on this or other Port scholarships, visit the Port of Long Beach's web site, www.polb.com, and click on the "Community" link.

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