

Trinity House Career Development Bursaries for professional and volunteer personnel working in UK Sail Training

Guidance to completing your application

Trinity House generously provides bursaries to sea-going staff and volunteers who work on Sail Training vessels operated by members of the Association of Sail Training Organisations (ASTO).

The bursary scheme is administered by ASTO and candidates will need to apply using the ASTO form. Eligible applicants will be interviewed by a panel comprising representatives from both Trinity House and ASTO. The awarding of funds is based on the mutual agreement of panel members.

Eligibility

Candidates applying for bursaries must meet the following criteria:

- Be a British citizen (includes Isle of Man and Channel Islands) or a citizen of the Republic of Ireland
- Have accrued the qualifying sea-time relevant to the Certificate of Competency (CoC) applied for
- Be under 40 years of age on application
- Have Sail Training experience and intend to continue a career working in UK Sail Training
- Show financial need for support with training*
- Unable to obtain the required training without a Trinity House Career Development Bursary
- Must be able to complete the requested training within two years of receipt of an award.

**Financial need will generally be taken to be a current salary of less than £24,000 per annum and a salary of no more than £28,000 per annum during the previous two years.*

Choosing your courses

The courses requested should reflect a recognised career progression to the next level of competency, developing your overall skills and ability. Ensure that you select all of the courses required to achieve the Certificate of Competency (CoC) applied for. Guidance for which courses are needed are in MGN 280 (Small commercial vessels) and MSN 1858 (yachts over 24 m). RYA course guidance can be found in the RYA Logbook (G15) or online at <https://www.rya.org.uk/courses-training/exams/Pages/hub.aspx> Please research the relevant publication prior to making your selections. You may also wish to get advice from the ASTO member you sail with.

Bursaries will not be awarded retrospectively. Do NOT book or attend courses selected in your application prior to interview. Applications for individual courses, updates, or instructional qualifications will not be accepted.

Application and award of bursary

All applications must be made on the official ASTO/Trinity House application form. Candidates who are short-listed as potential bursary recipients will be invited to interview. Travel and subsistence expenses are not available. Interviews are held two to three times a year, subject to the volume of applications.

Bursaries will be awarded up to the total cost of tuition for the Certificate of Competency and exam fees only. Accommodation, travel, subsistence, equipment costs, and any other costs must be met by the applicant.

Timescale for awards

Candidates should be able to complete their training within two years. Please bear this in mind when applying. It is not a one off award, if successful you may apply for further funding at a later date.