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New London Maritime Society

20th Anniversary 2021 Reid MacCluggage Black Maritime History Scholarship Competition

Attention: High School Juniors & Seniors

*Write an essay, short story, poem, play, movie script or
Novella about the African-American experience in the
maritime world for the chance to win a \$1000
New London Maritime Society scholarship!*

The Reid MacCluggage Black Maritime History Award was established in 2001 to foster an awareness of the experience of African-Americans in the context of maritime history. It honors the commitment of Reid MacCluggage, the editor and publisher of *The Day* newspaper from 1984-2001, to the development of multicultural awareness and excellent writing skills in students.

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Due date: Saturday, February 28, 2021

Eligibility: You must be a JUNIOR or SENIOR in good standing at one of the following high schools to qualify: East Lyme, Grasso Tech., Fisher's Island, Fitch, Griswold, Ledyard, Lyme-Old Lyme, Montville, New London, NFA, Norwich Regional Tech., St. Bernard's, Stonington, Williams School, Waterford, Wheeler, Marine Science Magnet High School.

Format: You may enter an original essay, short story, novella, play, movie script or poem based on the theme: the ***African-American experience in the maritime world***. There are no restrictions on the length or scope of your piece, but all entries must be typed and include a complete list of all primary and secondary research sources. Additionally, each entry must be accompanied by a cover page, stating the student's name, address and telephone number, as well as the name of the high school he or she attends, and a brief abstract describing the intent/content of the piece.

Due Date: All entries must be received at the Custom House Maritime Museum, 150 Bank Street, New London, CT 06320, by **5:00 pm on Sunday, February 28, 2021**

If you mail your entry, it must be postmarked no later than **Saturday, February 27, 2021**.

Send to: New London Maritime Society, Reid MacCluggage Scholarship, 150 Bank Street, New London CT 06320.

Awards: Reid MacCluggage will be our judge. A scholarship of \$1000 will be awarded for the most outstanding entry. The winner will receive the awards at his or her high school awards night.

Contact: If you have any questions, please contact Susan at the Custom House Maritime Museum, 203-444-2884 or email nlmaritimedirector@gmail.com.

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In 1839, New London and its U.S. Custom House, now the Custom House Maritime Museum, played a small but significant role in the story of the enslaved Africans aboard the Amistad, who risked death to stake a claim for freedom. Today at the Custom House, we tell the Amistad story with the permanent exhibition *Amistad: A True Story of Freedom*, and with special programs. The Custom House Maritime Museum is both a Connecticut Freedom Trail site and one of two Connecticut sites on the national Underground Railroad Network to Freedom.

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