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### **AVTEC Accepting Applications for Crowley Maritime Scholarships for Alaska Native Students**

JUNEAU, Alaska—AVTEC-Alaska's Institute of Technology is accepting applications for two \$2,000 scholarships funded by Crowley Maritime Corp. for Alaska Native students. The scholarships are for students who will attend AVTEC's Able-Bodied Mariner Training Program in Seward. Scholarship winners will be able to use the awards for the next AB mariner training program in the fall.

"The Thomas B. Crowley, Sr. Memorial Scholarships will recognize students who demonstrate achievement and leadership ability to successfully pursue careers in the towing industry," AVTEC Director Fred Esposito said. "With this support, Crowley Maritime is helping train a local workforce for Alaska's maritime industry."

Candidates eligible for the scholarship must be Alaska Native, hold a valid Merchant Mariner Credential or a U.S. Coast Guard License or Merchant Mariner Document, hold a Transportation Worker I.D. card and provide sea-service letters or discharge.

AVTEC offers 16 long-term training programs ranging from six weeks to 11 months and roughly 60 short-term training programs that take from a week to six weeks to complete. Information is available online at [www.AVTEC.edu](http://www.AVTEC.edu), click on the "Training Programs/Courses" link or call 800-478-5389 or 907-224-3322.

AVTEC's main campus is in Seward. Classes for the school's Allied Health program are held in Anchorage. Remote-site and distance-delivery classes in nearly all AVTEC's training programs are available statewide.

Alaskans who are interested in the Crowley Maritime Scholarships, the AB program or other AVTEC training, should contact the AVTEC Admissions Office for details.

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