

Mary Nell Cates Valerius Scholar Program

SUMMARY

Texas A&M University at Galveston is a special purpose institution of higher education for undergraduate and graduate instruction in the specialized fields of marine and maritime studies, including maritime training for professional licensure. As a campus of Texas A&M University, Texas A&M University at Galveston also shares in the land grant heritage and charter to provide research and extension of this knowledge to the citizenry in related fields of marine education and resources.

With this highly focused educational curriculum, success lies in the ability to attract, retain and reward the highest level of student achievement. These students not only enhance the programs and reputation of an institution, but are prepared to take leadership roles in the nation's marine and maritime industries.

A gift of \$4,000 from Steve Valerius will continue the award for the 2011-2012 academic year in honor of his mother, Mary Nell Cates Valerius.

SELECTION CRITERIA

The Kirby Inland Marine Scholars Program will recognize students who demonstrate the achievement and leadership ability to successfully pursue careers in the brown water industry. Top **junior** students will be selected to receive an annual stipend based on the following criteria (in this order):

- ✓ A female enrolled in the License Option program – deck department.
- ✓ Completion of/ or current enrollment in all pre-requisite courses for junior cruise.
- ✓ Academic accomplishment, must be in good standing;
- ✓ Demonstrated leadership, evidenced by participation and positions held in student organizations, activities, and the Corps of Cadets.

March 4th Deadline