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### **Applications Open for the Marine Cadet Scholarship Program: Shaping Leaders for Guyana's Maritime Future**

**Georgetown, Guyana** – El Dorado Offshore (EDO), Noble Corporation, and MATPAL Marine Institute are pleased to announce the opening of applications for the 2026 Marine Cadet Scholarship Program. Now in its third year, the program continues to distinguish itself as a transformative opportunity for young Guyanese to embark on careers as internationally certified Marine Officers.

Since its launch, the Marine Cadet Scholarship Program has been awarded to 26 aspiring marine professionals; six in 2024 and twenty in 2025. These recipients are currently progressing through intensive academic and offshore training, preparing to take their place as leaders in Guyana's growing maritime and offshore industries.

Designed to develop both technical skill and character, the Marine Cadet Scholarship Program offers a rigorous three-year course of study. Cadets complete 24 months of classroom instruction at MATPAL Marine Institute in Georgetown, followed by 12 months of offshore training aboard working vessels. This carefully structured program ensures graduates are highly competent and carry the discipline and confidence to excel in the global maritime sector.

“The Marine Cadet Scholarship Program is cultivating a generation of Guyanese who will leave their mark on the world's oceans,” said Thalia Wilson, Local Content and Strategic Engagement Team Lead at El Dorado Offshore. “We are committed to shaping leaders whose professionalism and expertise will define the future of our maritime industry.”

Cadets benefit from full tuition coverage, mentorship from seasoned industry professionals, and access to ongoing academic and personal support. Participants are required to maintain a minimum GPA of 3.2 and an attendance record of at least 85 percent throughout their training.

Applicants will find all program details, materials, and resources available on the official website: <https://scholarships.eldoradooffshore.com>, where they can also complete their applications directly. The application period opens on August 6, 2025, and closes on October 31, 2025.

This initiative continues to set a high standard for maritime training in Guyana, preparing a new generation of marine professionals to navigate the challenges and opportunities of the global offshore industry.

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