

CAPTAIN NOAH WAMSTEKER SALTWATER SAFARI MARITIME SCHOLARSHIP

Noah Wamsteker was born in 1994. From a young age, he loved boats, fishing, wildlife, and was drawn to the outdoors with a kind of curiosity and grit you don't teach. Like many who make a life on the water, he found his path early and stayed with it, embracing the outdoors with adventure and passion.

He joined Saltwater Safari Company in 2017 as a deckhand on the Legend, learning boat handling and deep sea fishing. He worked hard, absorbed every lesson, and rose to become a leading deep sea fishing guide in Alaska waters.

By his mid-20s, he was captaining trips with skill and instinct, turning every outing into a memorable adventure. He understood that guiding wasn't just about putting fish in the boat—it was about giving folks something they'd carry with them long after they left. He had a way of making people feel capable, whether it was their first time holding a rod or their hundredth. He didn't rush the learning. He took pride in it. He touched everyone he met and was a friend to all, both on and off the water—his easy smile, quick laugh, genuine warmth, and willingness to help made him beloved by crews, guests, families, and communities from Seward to Mobile.

He was tragically killed in a car accident on March 6, 2026. His loss is felt deeply by family, friends, and the coastal communities he called home.



This scholarship honors what he stood for:

- hard work
- humility
- commitment to life on the water

More than financial support, this scholarship recognizes the kind of person this work requires. The long days, early mornings, and unforgiving conditions ask a lot. Noah met that with consistency, pride, and an unwavering loyalty to his crew, his craft, and the waters he worked. People showed up for Noah because he had already shown up for them, time and again. This scholarship seeks those who will do the same.

His legacy lives on in the people he taught, the crews he strengthened, and the lives he touched—and through this scholarship, that standard carries forward.

This scholarship will be open to all active and prospective AVTEC Maritime students, and made possible by the generosity of Noah's family, friends, colleagues, guests; everyone who has had the opportunity to share the waters with a hard-working Captain. This scholarship is designed to support students in completing maritime training.

Funds may be used for:

- Tuition, fees, and instructional supplies
- Required student tools, equipment, or personal protective gear (e.g., steel-toed boots, gloves, safety glasses).
- Other approved educational expenses that directly support training success.

Interested in Contributing? Here are 3 options:

1. Pay online- Utilize the QR Code
2. Pay over the phone- Contact our Business Office- (800) 478-5389- 8:00am-4:30pm AKST
3. Mail contribution-

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