

**Criteria for Approved Vessels to receive Bursary support from Sail Training International**

1. Vessels must comply with the current Racing & Sailing Rules and Special Regulations for Tall Ships Races and Regattas.
2. Captains and officers must be duly qualified and hold all necessary certificates required by the laws of their country to participate in the race or regatta series.
3. Vessels must be legally licensed and insured to sail with trainees and take part in all programmed activities whether in port or at sea (including racing) and approved for the sea area of the voyage.
4. Vessels must hold an appropriate commercial certificate to take passengers or trainees, and they must submit a valid annual inspection certificate from their Certifying Authority which is approved for the sea area of the voyage.
5. The vessel's stability characteristics and certification must be appropriate for the sea areas and season of the voyage being undertaking.
6. Vessel operators must hold valid insurance cover against third party claims and injury, death or other loss to bursary recipients sailing as trainees, staff, or volunteers to a minimum £5M for the class of voyage and activities to be undertaken.
7. Must have a Safety Management System (SMS) appropriate to their vessel. This can be in the language of the ship.
8. Must have a trainee safeguarding, welfare and protection policy in place and a system for criminal record checks, or, where there is no national system, an internal system for checking references for their sea staff and adult volunteers.
9. Vessel operators must have a proven safety and a proven track record (2 years) of delivering sail training voyages for young people.
10. Vessels must have a proven track record of effectively delivering youth development work within their sail training programme. They must either submit their sail training programme with the application, or provide an outline of activities on a typical voyage. In subsequent years, the quality will be monitored using feedback from trainees and others.
11. In all cases, the Bursary Selection Panel has absolute discretion over decisions regarding the award of bursaries.

**Vessel(s)** \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby confirm that my vessel(s) comply with the above criteria and that I will inform Sail Training International of any changes that might affect compliance during the year.

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Organisation & position:** \_\_\_\_\_