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Subject: Support the WPPA Educational Foundation — Auction Donation Request

Dear WPPA Members:

We are excited to share that this November, during our WPPA Annual Meeting at the Marriott Tacoma Downtown, we will host an auction to benefit the WPPA Educational Foundation - and we invite you to help make it a success!

The WPPA Educational Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit dedicated to advancing learning and opportunity within the port community. Through the generosity of our members and associates, the Foundation funds two annual scholarships:

- **The Winter Scholarship**, recently reintroduced, supports continuing education for port employees to help them better serve their communities.
- **The Spring Scholarship** assists students with a family connection to Washington ports who are pursuing post-secondary education in port-related fields.

Your contributions make a meaningful difference to our ability to deliver these scholarships – and as a bonus, this is *also* a wonderful opportunity to highlight the generosity of your organization. We invite you to consider donating an item or experience for this year's live or silent auction. Popular donation ideas include:

- **Professional services** (consulting hours, design services, training sessions)
- **Tickets** to community events or cultural attractions
- **Tickets or box seats** to sporting events
- **Overnight hotel stays** or weekend getaway packages
- **Stays** at an AirBNB or vacation property
- **Green fees** or golf packages
- **Boating** excursions or charter experiences
- **Gift baskets** with local products, wines, or themed assortments
- **Restaurant** gift cards or dining experiences
- **Specialty tours** or behind-the-scenes experiences that showcase the character of your port or community

To make contributing easy, we have included an Auction Donation Form with this letter. If you would like to donate, please complete the form and return it to WPPA **no later than** October 17th. You can email the completed form to Mandy Lill at mlill@washingtonports.org, and we will be in touch to arrange delivery or pick-up of your item.

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All contributions are tax-deductible (Tax ID#: 91-2029218). Proceeds from the auction go directly to supporting the Foundation's scholarship efforts, helping to advance education and professional development across our port community.

Thank you for your continued support of the WPPA and the Educational Foundation. Together, we can create new opportunities for young people and port employees, and make critical investments in the future success of our Washington port industry. We look forward to seeing you in Tacoma this fall!

All my best,

Eric Ffitch, Executive Director
Washington Public Ports Association

WPPA Educational Foundation Auction Donation Form

Thank you for your interest in supporting the **WPPA Educational Foundation Auction**, taking place during the WPPA Annual Meeting this November. Proceeds from the auction directly support the Foundation's scholarship programs, helping advance education and professional growth within Washington's port community.

Please complete the form below and return it to WPPA ***no later than October 17th***. Completed forms can be emailed to: mlill@washingtonports.org. We will contact you to arrange delivery or pick-up of your donation item(s) as needed.

We sincerely appreciate your generosity and support!

Donation Description (*you can attach another document if needed*):

Retail Value of Item: \$_____

Donor name (as it should be listed in catalog): _____

☐ Item will be delivered to the auction site

☐ Item will be delivered to WPPA Offices (*no later than November 10th – must pre-arrange date with WPPA*)

☐ Monetary Donation:

☐ \$50

☐ \$100

☐ \$200

☐ Other \$_____

Donor contact person: _____

Phone: _____ Email address: _____

Company name (if applicable): _____

Mailing address: _____

Please send completed forms to Mandy Lill: mlill@washingtonports.org

You can also donate [online HERE](#)

If you have any questions, you can reach us by calling 360.943.0760