



Dear Educator:

The Michigan Maritime Museum is delighted to introduce the **MAKE Education Happen Fund**. MAKE was established in 2016 through the very generous contribution of long-time Museum patrons to help disadvantaged schools visit the Museum and to take advantage of all it can offer students.

Schools have expressed sincere interest in visiting the Michigan Maritime Museum, having their students view the exhibits and/or sail on our replica tall ship *Friends Good Will*, but have not been able to do so because of a lack of funds. MAKE wants to help change this situation by providing, a significant, up to 50% of the costs for a field trip with the remainder of the funds provided by other sponsors.

It is the express desire of the patrons who established MAKE to encourage individuals, businesses, and industries in Michigan to partner with them and bring students to the Michigan Maritime Museum without the school having to bear the full cost.

The patrons and the Museum encourage you to reach out to potential sponsors to make them aware of MAKE and encourage them to partner with us to bring your students to the Museum. MAKE is a competitive funding opportunity and our ambition is to fund as many schools as we can each year up to our annual limit. To start the process please contact, Director of Education & Administration, Ashley Deming at the Michigan Maritime Museum, at 269-637-8078 ext. 3 or [ashley@mimaritime.org](mailto:ashley@mimaritime.org). Ms. Deming will explain the available educational programs, the costs, and available dates. The next step will be to secure a letter of funding support by your sponsor(s) and complete the MAKE application. Through the application, you will tell us why your school needs MAKE funds and who else is helping you.

Once your application is submitted, the MAKE grant panel will review it and you will be contacted within 4 weeks of submission with a decision.

Thank you for applying for MAKE. Together we will MAKE Education Happen!

-THE MICHIGAN MARITIME MUSEUM