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## 9th Annual BIC Fund Scholarship Program

The mission of the BIC is to promote and support the safe, secure and sustainable expansion of containerization and intermodal transportation. The BIC Fund Scholarship Awards were created to help support the industry leaders of tomorrow and to encourage continued focus on safety, security, standardization and sustainability in our industry.

Who is eligible: The award program is open to maritime academy cadets (deck or engine), naval architecture students, and students of supply-chain / logistics programs who are focused on container transportation. The award is available to  $2^{nd}$ ,  $3^{rd}$  and  $4^{th}$  year undergraduate students as well as graduate students.

## **2024 Awards:**

## Graduate & Undergraduate scholarships: 3,000 Euros each (10 awards available)

**How to apply:** Applicants should submit the following documents via e-mail to <a href="mailto:award@bic-code.org">award@bic-code.org</a>

- 1. A maximum **1500-word essay** on a topic related to safety, security, standardization or sustainability in container transportation. The essay must be written in English. The cover page of the essay <u>must include the applicant's name and contact details, name of University, major/program of study **(please specify undergraduate or graduate)**, and expected year of graduation. The document must be submitted in **Word format**.</u>
- 2. A University transcript or proof of current grade point average.

**Deadline:** The final deadline for submissions is 30<sup>th</sup> November 2024.

**Selection:** The BIC Scholarship selection committee will make its decisions based on academic excellence as well as on the strength of the essay. The committee will be looking for demonstrated knowledge of one or more of the above-mentioned topics (safety, security, standardization, and sustainability in intermodal container transportation). New and promising ideas related to one or more of these topics will receive special attention.

**Announcements and awards:** Announcements will be made around December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024 and the awards will be disbursed via the University of each winning candidate.

**Publication:** Award winners will be announced in the BIC quarterly magazine (distributed to every container operator in the world) and via the BIC website and social media. The winning essays may also be selected for publication in the BIC quarterly magazine.

Questions: Contact your financial aid department or the BIC at award@bic-code.org

**About the BIC:** The Bureau International des Containers (BIC) was founded under the auspices of the International Chamber of Commerce in 1933 as a neutral, non-profit, international organization. BIC seeks to promote efficiency, safety, security, standardization and sustainability in the container supply chain and today has over 2700 container owning and operating members in 126 countries. Publisher of the BIC Code Register since 1970, BIC also operates the BoxTech Global Container Database (bic-boxtech.org), providing API-accessible equipment details to help improve efficiency and safety in the supply chain, the BIC Facility Code Database, providing harmonized codes to identify over 17,000

container facilities in 160 countries, and the Global ACEP Database. BIC holds official observer status at the International Maritime Organization (IMO), the World Customs Organization (WCO), and the United Nations Centre for Trade Facilitation and Electronic Business (UN/CEFACT). www.bic-code.org

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