

The Jon M. Gilbert Memorial Scholarship

The Jon M. Gilbert Memorial Scholarship is established to fund students studying for careers using STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math).

Jon grew up in a small town in Maine where the primary business was the paper mill. Thanks to a small scholarship, he attended Maine Maritime Academy where he graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Marine Engineering and a United States Coast Guard Third Engineers License. After a few years at sea, he left shipping to begin a career that included testing nuclear submarines and at nuclear power plants. An interview in 1974 brought him to California to his 25+ year career developing monitoring programs for radioactive waste, site decontamination and decommissioning for dozens of sites across the US.

After retirement, several years were spent cruising his sailboat down the coast of California and Mexico and then to a move to Borrego Springs.

Jon credited his degree from Maine Maritime as the key that brought him the opportunity to travel the world and collaborate and innovate on projects nationwide.