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**2024 Essay/Scholarship Questions**

**Applicant must answer topic #1 and one additional item of the remaining topics. Typed essay should be minimum 3 pages max 5 pages in length.**

1. If current labor negotiations with I.L.A. are not successful, what impact will this have on the USA Economy and consumer. Include a list of all ports that will be affected and comment what port would be most adversely affected and why.
2. Explain chain reaction/cascading effect for shippers and various transport modes regarding congestion and bottle necks and resulting downstream costs to US consumer.
3. Sustainability efforts are under way impacting the Global Marine Highway and supply chains overall.  Efforts are being made to reduce a shipper's carbon footprint.  Steamship lines are making engine/mechanical changes, truckers are increasing fuel efficiencies.  What other realistic changes that can be made, be specific to USA transport landscape in regards to ocean/truck and rail.
4. Cypher security. Cyber security. What can be done to avoid it? Can it be avoided? What are the payoffs whether good or bad and costs associated with protecting your systems.
5. Red Sea; Comment on the ongoing situation and effects to Global Supply Chain.