

## Class of 1971 Tormollen / McMullen Memorial Scholarship

Established in 2021 by TAMUG Class of 1971

The Texas A&M University at Galveston Class of '71 Tormollen-McMullen Memorial Scholarship was created by several shipmates from the Class of 1971 to honor the memory of two beloved professors: Commander Francis Tormollen, who was head of the marine engineering department, and Lieutenant William T. McMullen, who taught navigation.



James Sterling '71 helped establish this award on behalf of the remaining class members. During his time as a student, he received a degree in marine transportation and founded the Sea Aggie Band. James sailed in the Merchant Marine for several years after graduation on supply boats, dredges and tankers. He also served in the U.S. Navy, retiring with the rank of Commander, and spent many years in his family's funeral business. He managed his local A&M Club for over 40 years, serving as president, secretary, treasurer and Muster chair many times. James is blessed with four kids, seven grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.