PACIFIC MARINE MAMMAL CENTER
MARINE MAMMAL REHABILITATION & RESEARCH LAB SCHOLARSHIP

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Pacific Marine Mammal Center (PMMC) rescues, rehabilitates, and releases marine mammals and inspires ocean stewardship through research, education, and collaboration. As part of our education mission, we wish to make opportunities to learn about marine science accessible to all individuals. This scholarship is specifically dedicated to furthering diversity, equity, and inclusion within the field of marine science. This scholarship will provide support for talented high school students (ages 15-17) from underrepresented racial and ethnic backgrounds, gender identities, sexual orientations, and/or individuals living with disabilities who show a genuine interest in marine science, and who may not otherwise have the financial resources to participate in our Marine Mammal Rescue and Research Lab program. During this week long experience, teens work alongside our animal care and research teams for a total of 30 hours. Participants gain daily hands-on experience in animal husbandry and research at our facility.

The scholarship will cover the full tuition ($500) for one student to attend the Marine Mammal Rescue and Rehabilitation Lab program. **Note:** Participants must provide their own transportation to and from PMMC. The scholarship award will be based on the greatest financial need and stated motivation to learn and share knowledge acquired in the program for the benefit of marine mammals around the world.

**Instructions**

Please print and fill out this application, as well as advise us of any changes in address or telephone number. Applications must be received no later than April 1, 2022. The scholarship will be awarded on or after May 1, 2022. All applicants will receive notification via email.

Applications may be:
- E-mailed to: diversity@pacificmmc.org
- Mailed to: Pacific Marine Mammal Center
  Attn: DEI Committee
  20612 Laguna Canyon Road
  Laguna Beach, CA 92651

The scholarship application is divided into three parts, as follows:

- Part 1: Personal Information
- Part 2: Financial Information
- Part 3: Essay Questions

Please make sure you have included all parts of the application and have filled them out appropriately.
“Parent” refers to a biological or adoptive parent. Grandparents, foster parents, legal guardians, older siblings, and uncles or aunts are not considered parents on this form, unless they have legally adopted you. In case of divorce or separation, provide information about the parent you have lived with most in the last 12 months. If you did not live with one parent more than the other, please provide information about the parent who provided you the most financial support during the last 12 months or during the most recent year you received support.

Part 1: Personal Information

Applicant’s Name: ______________________________________

Parent/Guardian’s Name: __________________________________________

Street Address: ___________________________________________________

City: ____________________ State/Prov: _______ Zip/Postal Code: ________

Country: ___________________

Parent/Guardian Home Phone: (____)____________

Parent/Guardian Cell Phone: (____)_________________

Parent/Guardian Email Address: _____________________

Participant’s date of birth (month/day/year):________________________
Part 2: Family/Financial Information

Name of Parent/Guardian 1: _______________________________________________________

Name of Parent/Guardian 2: _______________________________________________________

Parent/Guardian Employer 1: _______________________ Occupation: _______________

Business Street Address: _________________________________________________________

City: ____________________ State/Prov: _______ Zip/Postal Code: ________

Country: __________________

Parent/Guardian Employer 2: _______________________ Occupation: _______________

Business Street Address: _________________________________________________________

City: ____________________ State/Prov: _______ Zip/Postal Code: ________

Country: __________________

Parent/Guardian’s Regular Monthly Sources of Income:

Take home salary: $___________

Other Income: $___________

Additional comments on income: ________________________________________________

In 2021, did anyone in your household receive any of the following: (Check all that apply.)

☐ Supplemental Security Income (SSI) ☐ Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)

☐ Food Stamps ☐ Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC)

☐ Free or Reduced Price School Lunch
Explain any special circumstances that are contributing to your financial hardship. Some examples include unemployment, disability and the recent death of a parent. Please provide supporting documentation.

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Describe any major anticipated changes to your income or expenses in the next year that will affect your need for the award.

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PART 3: ESSAY QUESTIONS
Answer all of the following questions on a separate sheet of paper. Each answer should be a minimum of one paragraph, and answers should be as specific and complete as possible.

1. What are three things you are hoping to learn during this program? Please list and describe why.

2. Think about what you might learn in this program. How might you share the knowledge gained in this program with others to benefit the marine environment and marine mammals?
Please sign and date the application:

I, the undersigned, understand that the information contained in this statement is provided for the purpose of obtaining a scholarship from Pacific Marine Mammal Center (PMMC). I understand that PMMC will rely on the information provided in deciding to grant a scholarship. By signing this document, I am verifying that the information I have provided is true and correct. Further, I authorize PMMC to make all inquiries it deems necessary to verify the accuracy of the information provided and to determine my financial condition.

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Applicant Name

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Applicant Signature

____________________________________________________________________________________
Parent/Guardian Signature (if applicant is considered a dependant)