PACIFIC MARINE MAMMAL CENTER
OCEAN EXPLORERS ONLINE 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 children (ages 8-12) 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 Ocean Explorers program.

This online, after school experience investigates marine science through the world of marine mammals. Over the course of four different weekly sessions, children learn about a diversity of marine mammals, their adaptations, and what life is like under the sea. Participants take an in depth look at different species through live chats, videos, presentations, interactive activities and crafts. All sessions are tied together with an overarching theme of ocean interconnectivity, conservation, and ocean stewardship. A program material kit is sent to each child before the start date.

The scholarship will cover the full tuition ($130) for one student to attend the Ocean Explorers Online program. Note: participants must have access to the internet and download the Zoom app. The scholarship will be awarded 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 September 7th. The scholarship will be awarded on or after September 21st. All applicants will receive notification via email.

Applications may be:

- E-mailed to: diversity@pacificmmc.org
- Mailed to: Pacific Marine Mammal Center
  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 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 with 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: AREA OF INTEREST QUESTIONS & INFORMATION
Please ask your child the following questions and write their answers in the space provided.

1. What do you hope to learn in this program? Why do you want to learn about marine life? Please describe what your child is hoping to learn during this program and why.

2. Think about what you might learn in this program. How might you share what you learn with other people in your life? Please explain how your child might share the knowledge gained in this program with others to benefit the marine environment and marine mammals?

Please list any marine science related activities in which your child has engaged. This can be other programs, experiences, books they have read, shows they watch, things they have collected, drawings made, etc. Please be as specific as possible.
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). This information will be kept confidential and will not be shared. 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.

_________________________________________________________  Date: ____________
Applicant Name

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Applicant Signature

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Parent/Guardian Signature (if applicant is considered a dependent)