

**GCRL Marine Education Center  
Scholarship Requirements  
Summer Camp 2021**

**About the Scholarship:**

The Marine Education Center (MEC) is seeking qualified individuals who sincerely wish to learn about marine sciences and the environment. **The Marine Education Center does not provide transportation to and from camp, nor meals for day camps.**

**Applicants Must:**

- Meet the eligibility requirement of underserved and underrepresented ethnicity and/or financial need. Please refer to the attached scholarship application.
- Be willing to participate in outdoor activities such as activities aboard a research vessel, beach walking, kayaking, fishing, and trail hiking.
- Sincerely be interested in a fun, outdoor, marine science learning experience.

**Candidate Selection:**

Candidates will be selected based on the criteria listed on the scholarship form. There will be a limit on how many times a scholarship may be awarded to an eligible camper. One camper can only receive one scholarship per summer for a one-week camp experience; first time campers are given priority over all returning campers.

**Scholarship:**

Complete the Scholarship Assistance Application and have the camper complete the Scholarship Application.

Please write legibly and make sure all writing is dark enough to be read. If you send a scanned copy, please review it to make sure all words are visible and legible.

**Scholarship Forms:**

To mail or fax a completed and **signed** scholarship form, please send to:

Summer Camp Scholarship 2021  
Marine Education Center  
703 East Beach Drive  
Ocean Springs, MS 39564  
Fax: (228) 818-8086

To scan and email a completed and **signed** scholarship form, please send to:  
marine.education@usm.edu

Questions regarding summer camps should be directed to Megan McKenzie at (228) 818-8095 or marine.education@usm.edu

**Scholarship Assistance Application 2021  
(To Be Completed by Parent/Guardian)**

**SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS DUE May 20th**

**Camper** First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
County \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_  
School \_\_\_\_\_ Grade (Fall 2021) \_\_\_\_\_  
Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_  
New Camper? Y / N    Returning Camper? Y / N    Previously Received Summer Camp Scholarship? Y / N  
*If returning, please list previous camp attended and when* \_\_\_\_\_

Camp You Wish To Attend:    Sharkhead's Shark Fest (6th-12th grade)    Shaggy's Angler Camp (6th-12th grade)  
The Art of Marine Science Virtual Camp (6th-12th grade)

**Parent/Guardians** (Please list each parent or guardian who is responsible for camper)

Title \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Relationship to Camper \_\_\_\_\_  
Contact Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

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*If there are any additional parent/guardians responsible for the camper, please list them on the back of this application.*

**Ethnicity**

Please select the following. It is not required by law for the applicant to answer this question, but scholarship funds are granted based on **UNDERREPRESENTED UNDERSERVED ETHNICITY and/or FINANCIAL NEED**.

\_\_\_\_\_ African American    \_\_\_\_\_ Native American    \_\_\_\_\_ Hispanic    \_\_\_\_\_ Asian    \_\_\_\_\_ Caucasian (Non-Hispanic)  
\_\_\_\_\_ Other (Please Specify) \_\_\_\_\_

**Household Information**

Household Yearly Income: \$ \_\_\_\_\_    Number of Persons in Household: \_\_\_\_\_  
Age Distribution of Household Members (Youngest to Oldest) \_\_\_\_\_  
Single Parent Home? \_\_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO (Please Check One)

*Optional: Please describe any special expenses or changes in family or economic circumstances over the past year that support your request for financial aid.*

**In a few short sentences, please describe why you believe your camper would benefit from an opportunity to attend one of the camps.**

**If awarded a scholarship, please check the preferred camp session you'd like your camper to attend: Marine Education Center – Ocean Springs, MS**

**Shaggy's Angler Camp**

\_\_\_\_\_ June 14 – 18 (6<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>)

**Sarkhead's Shark Fest**

\_\_\_\_\_ June 21 – 25 (6<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>)

\_\_\_\_\_ June 28 – July 2 (6<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>)

**The Art of Marine Science Virtual Camp**

\_\_\_\_\_ July 26 – 30 (6<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>)

**I have read and completed this form to the best of my ability and certify that all the information included is accurate. I understand that this application will not be reviewed if all information is not completed as requested.**

Signature of Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Scholarship Application 2021 – Application DUE by May 20th**

**(To Be Completed by Camper)**

My name is: \_\_\_\_\_

What is your favorite topic in school and why?

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Are you involved in any science related activities now? (School clubs, private lessons or classes, social clubs, etc.)

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\_\_\_\_\_

Please describe *why you want to attend* one of the camps (Shark Fest, Angler Camp, The Art of Marine Science Camp); write on the back or attach an extra form if needed.

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Please *briefly describe why you believe you deserve a scholarship* for one of the camps; attach an extra form if needed.

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\_\_\_\_\_

Please circle the answer that best describes you're feeling about the following statements.

- 1. I can be myself around other people. Strongly Agree    Agree    Disagree    Strongly Disagree
- 2. I can make friends. Strongly Agree    Agree    Disagree    Strongly Disagree
- 3. I can be a leader in the future. Strongly Agree    Agree    Disagree    Strongly Disagree
- 4. I enjoy learning about science. Strongly Agree    Agree    Disagree    Strongly Disagree
- 5. I am respectful and listen well to my teachers. Strongly Agree    Agree    Disagree    Strongly Disagree