

**GCRL Marine Education Center
Scholarship Requirements
Summer Camp 2020**

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.

Scholarship Forms:

Mail or fax a completed and **signed** scholarship form to:

Summer Camp Scholarship 2020
Marine Education Center
703 East Beach Drive
Ocean Springs, MS 39564
Fax: (228) 818-8086

Questions regarding our summer camps should be directed to Jessi A. James at (228) 818-8091 or Jessi.James@usm.edu

**Scholarship Assistance Application 2020
(To Be Completed by Parent/Guardian)
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS DUE APRIL 30th**

Camper First Name _____ Last Name _____
Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
County _____ Phone _____ Email _____
School _____ Grade (Fall 2020) _____
Birthdate _____ Age _____ Circle One: Male or Female
_____ New Camper _____ Returning Camper _____ Previously Received Summer Camp Scholarship
If returning, please list previous camp attended and when _____

Camp You Wish To Attend (Circle One): Sea Camp (1st-6th grade) Sharkhead's Shark Fest (7th-12th grade)
Shaggy's Angler Camp (7th-12th grade) Ocean Science & Technology (9th-12 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

Sea Camp: Coastal Conservation

- June 1 – 5 (1st - 6th grade)
- June 8 – 12 (1st - 6th grade)
- June 15 – 19 (1st - 6th grade)
- June 22 – 26 (1st - 6th grade)
- July 6 – 10 (1st - 6th grade)
- July 13 – 17 (1st - 6th grade)
- July 20 – 24 (1st - 6th grade)

Shaggy's Angler Camp

- June 1 – 5 (7th - 12th grade)
- June 15 – 19 (7th - 12th grade)
- July 6 – 10 (7th - 12th grade)

Sharkhead's Shark Fest

- June 8 – 12 (7th - 12th grade)
- July 13 – 17 (7th - 12th grade)

The University of Southern Mississippi Gulf Park Campus – Long Beach, MS

Sharkhead's Shark Fest (w/ Residential Option)

- June 21 – 26 (7th - 12th grade)

Ocean Exploration Camp (w/ Residential Option)

- July 20 – 24 (9th - 12th grade)

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 2020 – Application DUE by April 30th

(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.)

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

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

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'm an important part of my community. Strongly Agree Agree Disagree Strongly Disagree
- 5. I enjoy learning about science. Strongly Agree Agree Disagree Strongly Disagree
- 6. I am respectful and listen well to my teachers. Strongly Agree Agree Disagree Strongly Disagree