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.

Continued on the next page.
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**

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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.)
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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.
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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’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