

**GCRL Marine Education Center
Scholarship Requirements
Summer Camp 2023**

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 2023
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 Jim Peresich at (228) 818-8099 or marine.education@usm.edu

**Scholarship Assistance Application 2023
(To Be Completed by Parent/Guardian)**

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS DUE May 1st

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 (7th-12th grade) Shaggy's Angler Camp (7th-12th grade)
Sea Camp (1st – 6th grade)
Ocean Science & Technology Camp (7th-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.

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Sea Camp: Ultimate Sea-vivor

- _____ June 5 – 9 (1st – 6th)
- _____ June 12 - 16 (1st – 6th)
- _____ June 19 – 23 (1st – 6th)
- _____ June 26 – 30 (1st – 6th)
- _____ July 10 – 14 (1st – 6th)

Shaggy’s Angler Camp

- _____ June 19 – 23 (7th - 12th)
- _____ June 26 – 30 (7th – 12th)

Sharkhead’s Shark Fest

- _____ June 5 - 9 (7th - 12th)
- _____ June 12 - 16 (7th - 12th)

Island Adventure Camp

- _____ July 5 - 7 (4th - 12th)

Ocean Science & Technology Camp

- _____ July 10 - 14 (7th - 12th)

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 2023 – Application DUE by May 1st

(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, Island Adventure Camp, Ocean Science & Technology Camp); 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.

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| 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 |