

**GCRL Marine Education Center
Scholarship Requirements
Summer Camp 2022**

I. 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.**

II. Applicants Must:

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

III. Candidate Selection:

Candidates will be selected based on 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 will be given priority over all returning campers.

IV. Scholarship:

Complete the Scholarship Assistance Application and have the camper complete the Scholarship Application and write a brief Essay focusing on their interest in marine science. Essays can be submitted as a written document (3 paragraph format, typed or hand written) or as a prerecorded video (2 minute time limit).

V. Application:

Complete a Sea Camp/Sharkhead's Shark Fest/Shaggy's Angler Camp/Island Adventure 2022 registration form from the website. The forms and camp details can be found at:

www.usm.edu/mec

VI. Scholarship forms:

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

Summer Camp Scholarship 2022
Marine Education Center
703 East Beach Drive
Ocean Springs, MS 39564
Fax: (228) 818-8086
Email: marine.education@usm.edu

Questions regarding our summer camps should be directed to Samantha Capers at (228) 818-8098 or Samantha.capers@usm.edu.

**Scholarship Assistance Application 2022
(To Be Completed by Parent/Guardian)**

Camper First Name _____ Last Name _____
 Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 County _____ Phone _____ Email _____
 School _____ Grade (Fall 2022) _____
 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) Island Adventure Camp (4th-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 check one of 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 scholarship, please check the preferred camp session.

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Sea Camp: Ultimate Sea-vivor

- _____ June 6-10 (1st-6th grade)
- _____ June 13-17 (1st-6th grade)
- _____ June 27-July 1 (1st-6th grade)
- _____ July 11-15 (1st-6th grade)
- _____ July 18-22 (1st- 6th grade)
- _____ July 18-22 (1st- 6th grade)

Shaggy’s Angler Camp

- _____ July 3-7 (7th-12th grade)
- _____ June 10-14 (7th-12th grade)

Sharkhead’s Shark Fest

- _____ June 6-10 (7th-12th grade)
- _____ June 13-17(7th-12th grade)

Island Adventure Camp

- _____ June 21-24 (4th-12th grade)
- _____ July 5-8 (4th-12th grade)

I have read and completed this form to the best of my ability and certify that all 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 2022 – Application DUE by May 1st

(To Be Completed by Camper)

All About the 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); 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

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Date submitted _____ Reviewed by _____ Date _____
Accepted _____ Denied Reason of Denial: _____

