

Announcing Nick Baron Scholarship Award

The Nick Baron Memorial Marine Education Endowment was established in 2001 by the family of Nick Baron in his memory. Nick Baron was a 19 year old student who died in a tragic automobile accident in the fall of 2000. The Nick Baron Scholarship Award of \$1,983.00 is available to a student majoring in Coastal Sciences at GCRL. Graduate students in good standing in the Department of Coastal Sciences are eligible. The scholarship will be awarded to a graduate student who is presenting an oral paper at a top-level national/international scientific conference or symposium and is seeking to become active in that society or future related symposia.

A completed application will include: 1) a letter of application outlining your career goals, your current status in Coastal Sciences, a clear description of the standing of the conference in the relevant discipline, how attending the conference would advance your career goals, and demonstration of your commitment to other professional activities in the conference or symposium (student committees, participation in workshops, chairing sessions, etc...); 2) a copy of your most recent CV; 3) a copy of the abstract of the proposed presentation and its status (not yet submitted, submitted, accepted, other); and 4) a letter of support from your major professor.

In the case of applications equal in quality, preference will be given to students who are working with the GCRL's Marine Education Center (this is not a requirement)

The letter of application and letter of support should be submitted electronically to the Coastal Sciences Awards Committee at chet.rakocinski@usm.edu on or before Friday 31 January 2014. The Awards Committee will evaluate the letters of applications, and the award will be made by 14 February January 2014.