GCRL Marine Education Center  
Scholarship Requirements  
Summer Camp 2015

I. About the Scholarship:  
The Marine Education Center 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 a 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.

V. Application:  
Complete a Sea Camp 2015/Shark Fest 2015/Angler Camp 2015/Saltwater Fly Fishing 2015 registration form from website. The forms and camp details can be found at:  
http://www.usm.edu/gcrl/mec/sea.camp.php (Sea Camp)  
http://www.usm.edu/gcrl/mec/shark.fest.php (Shark Fest)  
http://www.usm.edu/gcrl/mec/angler.camp.php (Angler Camp)  
http://www.usm.edu/gcrl/mec/saltwater.fly.fishing.php (Saltwater Fly Fishing)

* Please note there is a $50.00 registration fee that must initially be paid by the parent/guardian. If the camper does not receive a scholarship the parent/guardian will be immediately refunded the $50.00. If the camper receives a scholarship and attends camp, the parent/guardian will be refunded the $50.00 following the camper’s camp session. If the camper receives a scholarship and does not come on the first day of camp or misses a significant number or days for any non-medical reason the parent/guardian will not receive the $50.00 refund.

VI. Scholarship forms:  
Mail or fax a completed and signed scholarship form to:

Sea Camp 2015  
Marine Education Center  
703 East Beach Drive  
Ocean Springs, MS. 39564  
Fax: (228) 818-8894  

Questions regarding Sea Camp should be directed to Summer Dorcik at (228) 818-8884. Shark Fest, Angler Camp and Salt Water Fly Fishing questions should be directed to Ben Weldon at (228) 818-8850.
Scholarship Assistance Application 2015
(To Be Completed by Parent/Guardian)

Camper First Name ____________________________ Last Name ____________________________
Address _______________________________ City ________________________ State ______ Zip _______
County Phone Email _______________________________ ________________________________
School Present Grade __________________________
Birthdate ______________________ Age _____________________ Circle one: Male or Female
_____ New Camper _____ Returning Camper
If returning, please list previous camp attended and when ____________________ _________________________
Camp you wish to attend (circle one):  Sea Camp (1st-6th grade)  Shark Fest (7th-12th grade)  
Angler Camp (7th-12th grade)  Saltwater Fly Fishing (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 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 Family 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.

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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.

Sea Camp I: The Loop Current
- June 8-12 (1st-6th grade)
- June 15-19 (1st-6th grade)
- June 22-26 (1st-6th grade)

Sea Camp II: Gulf Habitats
- July 6-10 (1st-6th grade)
- July 13-17 (1st-6th grade)
- July 20-24 (1st-6th grade)

Angler Camp
- June 8-12 (7th-12th grade)
- June 15-19 (7th-12th grade)

Shark Fest
- June 22-26 (7th-12th grade)
- July 6-10 (7th-12th grade)
- July 13-17 (7th-12th grade)
- July 20-24 (7th-12th grade)
- July 27-31 (7th-12th grade)

Salt Water Fly Fishing
- July 20-22 (7th-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. A completed Summer Camp 2015 application must also be submitted on-line for your child to receive a scholarship.

Signature of Parent/Guardian ________________________________ Date __________
Scholarship Application 2015

(To Be Completed by Camper)

All About the Camper

My name is: ____________________________________________

What is your favorite topic in school and why?
___________________________________________________________________________________________
___________________________________________________________________________________________
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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, Saltwater Fly Fishing); 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 your 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: _______________________________________________________________________________________________