GUIDELINES FOR APPLICATION
BENNIE A. ROHR SUMMER FIELD PROGRAM SCHOLARSHIP

The Bennie A. Rohr Summer Field Program Scholarship was established to provide financial assistance to students who wish to attend field classes or conduct independent research at The University of Southern Mississippi, Gulf Coast Research Laboratory (GCRL) during the summer semester. Students who are eligible to compete for this scholarship must reside (home residence) in one of the three coastal counties of Mississippi (Hancock, Harrison or Jackson) and be undergraduate or graduate students majoring in the biology. Applicants must be full-time at GCRL during at least one of the summer sessions and register for a minimum of five credit hours course work or a minimum of five credit hours independent research. Independent research will be conducted under the guidance of a Department of Coastal Sciences (COA) faculty member. This scholarship is only available for summer study or research.

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The 2015 Bennie A. Rohr Scholarship will be awarded to three students in the amount of approximately $350 each. The scholarship will be paid to the recipient’s Southern Miss business account to help offset tuition and other academic expenses. Academic and living expenses in excess of the scholarship award will be the responsibility of the student.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:
1. Applicant must reside (home residence) in one of the three coastal counties of Mississippi (Hancock, Harrison or Jackson). If three students from Hancock, Harrison, or Jackson County do not meet the minimum qualifications, the scholarship may be divided between the best three qualified students from all 82 counties in Mississippi.
2. Applicant must be an undergraduate or graduate student majoring in biology.
3. Applicant must be a full-time student at GCRL during at least one of the summer sessions. Applicant must be registered for either five credit hours (minimum) of summer course work or five credit hours (minimum) of independent research.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS ARE REQUIRED TO SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING:
1. One letter of recommendation from an academic adviser or major professor.
2. A short essay (not to exceed 500 words) on the subject of how attending GCRL Summer Field Program courses or conducting independent research at GCRL will help achieve your educational or career goals.

Scholarship applications are due by March 27, 2015. All applications will be evaluated by the Summer Field Program Committee after the application deadline. The recipient(s) of the Bennie A. Rohr Summer Field Program Scholarship will be announced by April 15, 2015. The criteria that will be considered in awarding the scholarship includes the essay, overall GPA, and letter of recommendation.

Required scholarship application materials should be mailed, e-mailed, or faxed to:
Mail: Gulf Coast Research Laboratory
Attn: Summer Field Program Scholarship
703 East Beach Drive
Ocean Springs, MS 39564

Email: gcrlsfp@usm.edu
Fax: 228.818.8894

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