I. About the Marine Education Center:
Educational summer camps are sponsored by The University of Southern Mississippi’s (USM) Marine Education Center (MEC). The MEC is the education and outreach extension of The University of Southern Mississippi School of Ocean Science and Engineering (SOSE).

II. 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.

III. 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 activities aboard a research vessel, beach walking, kayaking, fishing, and trail hiking.
- Sincerely be interested in a fun, outdoor, marine science learning experience.

IV. 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.

V. Scholarship:
Complete the Scholarship Assistance Application and have the camper complete the Scholarship Application.

VI. Application:
Complete a Sea Camp/Sharkhead’s Shark Fest/Shaggy’s Angler Camp/Ocean Science and Technology Camp 2020 registration form from the website. The forms and camp details can be found at:
http://gcrl.usm.edu/mec/sea.camp.php (Sea Camp)
http://gcrl.usm.edu/mec/angler.camp.php (Shaggy’s Angler Camp)
http://gcrl.usm.edu/mec/shark.fest.php (Sharkhead’s Shark Fest)
http://gcrl.usm.edu/mec/ocean.science.technology.php (Ocean Science and Technology Camp)

VII. Scholarship Forms:
Mail or fax a completed and signed scholarship form to:

Summer Camp Scholarship 2020
Marine Education Center
703 East Beach Drive
Ocean Springs, MS 39564
Fax: (228) 818-8086

Questions regarding our summer camps should be directed to Jessi A. James at (228) 818-8091 or Jessi.James@usm.edu
Scholarship Assistance Application 2020
(To Be Completed by Parent/Guardian)

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS DUE APRIL 30th

Camper First Name ___________________________ Last Name ___________________________
Address ___________________________________ City __________________ State ______ Zip _______
County ___________________ Phone ___________ Email ________________________________
School _______________________ Grade (Fall 2020) ________________________________
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) Ocean Science & Technology (9th-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 select the following. It is not required by law for the applicant to answer this question, but scholarship funds are
generated 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.

Continued on next page.
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 you’d like your camper to attend:

**Marine Education Center – Ocean Springs, MS**

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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 2020 – Application DUE by April 30th

(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.)

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Please describe why you want to attend one of the camps (Sea Camp, Shark Fest, Angler Camp, Ocean Science and Technology Camp); write on the back or 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 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