

Maine Sea Grant Undergraduate Scholarship in Marine Sciences

In partnership with undergraduate institutions throughout the state, Maine Sea Grant is now recruiting applications for its annual Undergraduate Scholarship in Marine Sciences. The program is open to current second- and third-year undergraduate students who have declared majors related to marine or coastal issues at any of the participating undergraduate institutions in Maine (***College of the Atlantic, Maine Maritime Academy, University of Maine, University of Maine at Machias, University of Southern Maine, and University of New England***). The goal of this scholarship program is to develop a statewide network of undergraduate scholars doing exemplary academic work on marine and coastal issues, and provide participating students with academic and professional development opportunities in their field. Each applicant selected for this award will receive a \$1,000 scholarship to support tuition or other academic or research-related expenses. Award recipients will also be invited to attend Sea Grant-sponsored workshops, conferences, and other events related to marine and coastal science, policy, resource management, community outreach, and education. This award is made possible through a matching grant program in which each \$500 award from Maine Sea Grant is matched with a \$500 award from the selected applicant's home institution.

The Maine Sea Grant College Program, based at the University of Maine, is part of a national network of 33 Sea Grant programs located in coastal and Great Lakes states. Maine Sea Grant's mission is to play a leadership role in ocean and coastal research and education, and to promote sustainable development, ecosystem-based management, and stewardship of ocean and coastal resources. The program is supported through a state-federal partnership between the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the University of Maine.

Maine Sea Grant is committed to supporting the academic development and professional opportunities of tomorrow's marine scientists, coastal resource managers, policy practitioners, educators, and industry professionals. This undergraduate scholarship program is one aspect of our workforce development efforts. Please visit seagrant.umaine.edu to find out about graduate student fellowships and other funding opportunities.

Eligibility:

Eligible students must be in their second or third year of undergraduate study at one of the Maine undergraduate institutions currently participating in this scholarship matching program (***College of the Atlantic, Maine Maritime Academy, University of Maine, University of Maine at Machias, University of Southern Maine, and University of New England***), and must have declared a major or other course of study related to marine or coastal issues. Eligible students must also be in good academic standing. An individual may only receive the scholarship once, but applicants may reapply if a previous application was unsuccessful. International students are eligible to apply.

Application Deadline: ***Friday, April 14, 2017, at 5:00 pm***

Completed application materials (see following page for application requirements) may be submitted via email to Kathy Villarreal at kvillarreal@maine.edu, or mailed to:

Kathy Villarreal, Maine Sea Grant College Program
5784 York Complex, Building 6, University of Maine, Orono, ME 04469

Please email Beth.Bisson@maine.edu with questions about the scholarship or application requirements.

Maine Sea Grant's application review committee will announce selection decisions in May 2017. The awards will be disbursed in partnership with selected students' matching institutions for 2017-2018 academic year tuition or other academic or research-related expenses.

**Maine Sea Grant Undergraduate Scholarship in Marine Sciences
2017 Application Form**

Name (First, M.I., Last):

Undergraduate Institution:

Declared Major or Course of Study:

Campus or Local Mailing Address (Street, City, State, Zip):

Permanent Mailing Address (Street, City, State, Zip):

Email Address:

Phone Number:

Essay Questions:

Please include typed responses to the following questions with your application:

- Please describe your academic course of study, and your experiences with marine or coastal science in college. What do you hope to accomplish before you graduate, and how would a Maine Sea Grant Undergraduate Scholarship in Marine Sciences help you to achieve your academic or personal goals? (Maximum length of 800 words)
- How would you describe marine science to a group of 4th graders to excite them about Science, Technology, Engineering, or Mathematics (STEM) in the context of the nation's coasts and oceans? (Maximum length of 400 words)

Additional Application Materials:

In addition to your completed application form and essay question answers, please provide:

- Unofficial transcript(s) from any undergraduate institution(s) you have attended.
- A current resume.
- The name and contact information of a faculty member who can serve as a reference.
(NOTE: a written letter of recommendation is not required).