

Basic Dive Training Grant Application

Basic dive training grants are being offered to applicants who want to learn how to dive. The grants are for \$1000: \$500 for dive training and up to \$500 for dive gear. Dive training must culminate in a certification from a nationally or internationally recognized diver-training agency.

* Required

1. Email *

Eligibility

Basic Dive Training Grants are for applicants who want to learn how to dive.

2. Are you already certified to dive? If your answer to this question is "yes", you are not eligible to apply for this grant. Please use the Advanced Dive Training Grant application. If your answer is "no", please proceed with completing this application form. *

Mark only one oval.

Yes

No

Certification
of Single
WDHOF
Application

You are only allowed to apply for ONE scholarship or dive training grant during this competition. If you have questions about which grant matches your needs and eligibility, please carefully review the scholarship/grant descriptions and eligibility requirements. If you're still not sure, please email wdhofgrants@gmail.com.

3. By entering my initials below, I certify that this is the only WDHOF scholarship or grant award that I am applying for this year. *

Applicant Information

4. First Name *

5. Last Name *

6. Mailing Address - Street *

7. Mailing Address - City *

8. Mailing Address - State/Province *

9. Mailing address - Country *

10. Mailing address - Postal code *

11. Phone number (please include country code) *

12. Date of Birth *

Example: January 7, 2019

13. Age (Yes, we should be able to figure this out from Date of Birth, but sometimes applicants enter the wrong year--seriously.) *

14. My preferred gender pronouns are: *

We are asking this question to determine your eligibility for "women-only" or "men or women" grants.

Mark only one oval.

She/her

He/his

15. I am in: *

Mark only one oval.

JROTC

ROTC

Sea Cadets

Sea Scouts

Military academy

None of the above

16. Have you previously applied for a WDHOE Scholarship? *

Mark only one oval.

- Yes, awarded
- Yes, not awarded
- No

Applicant Statement

17. Tell us about yourself. *

Please write a short bio (less than 100 words) to introduce yourself to the grant review team. Are you a student? If yes, what are you studying and what are your career aspirations? Are you employed? What kind of work do you do? Tell us anything about yourself that you'd like us to know, especially as it relates to your interest in learning how to dive. [This counts as 15% of your total application score.]

18. Education *

Are you currently in school? What is the highest degree you have attained? What institution, where and when?

19. Volunteerism *

Are you doing/or have you done any volunteer activities? Briefly explain. [This counts as 10% of your total score.]

20. Why do you want to learn to dive? *

Mark only one oval.

- For recreational purposes: I want to be able to explore the underwater world.
- I need to learn to dive for my job (e.g., resource management, research).
- I am handicapped and I want to learn to dive.
- I want to become a hard-hat diver.
- Other (please provide more details in the response to the next question).

21. Please provide additional information (less than 100 words) to explain why you want to learn to dive. (Optional, unless you selected "Other" in the previous question.)

22. Why do you need a grant? *

Please answer in less than 100 words. We know that this is a no-brainer: it's expensive to take dive classes and to buy dive gear. Why do you need the funds? Are you in school? Paying tuition? Supporting your family? We don't need personal details--just a general idea of why you can't pay for the training without this grant. [This counts as 20% of your total score.]

23. How do you plan to use your new diving skills? *

Briefly explain in less than 100 words. [This counts as 15% of your total score.]

24. If you receive the grant, what dive course(s) do you plan to take? Be specific. Include the name of the course(s), the name and location of the dive training agency, e.g., PADI, NAUI, etc., and the cost of the course(s). [This counts as 10% of your total score.] *

25. If you receive the grant, when do you plan to take the training. (Training must be completed by August 2023--18 months after the March 2022 award date.) *

26. If you receive the grant, what dive gear do you plan to purchase? You may not use the funds to purchase cameras or photography equipment. Check all that apply. *

Check all that apply.

- Mask
- Fins
- Snorkel
- Regulator
- BCD
- Dive computer
- Adaptive or specialized dive gear
- Wetsuit/drysuit

Other: _____

27. Please detail the cost of each of the items you plan to purchase and where you plan to purchase them. *

WDHOF strongly encourages awardees to purchase equipment from the dive shop where they will be trained. Maximum equipment purchase is \$500. All equipment costs > \$500 are the responsibility of the awardee. [Your budget counts as 10% of your total score.]

Letters of
recommendation

Two (2) recommendations are required. They may be from dive instructors, teachers, professors, employers, mentors--anyone in a position to support your application--and in particular, your ability to follow through on the training. We strongly recommend that you not ask a family member to provide a letter of recommendation.

Please ask your recommenders to email you a copy of their letters of recommendation, on letterhead stationery, if applicable.

Please upload letters of recommendation below.

PLEASE PAY CLOSE ATTENTION TO THE FILE NAMING FORMAT. FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THIS REQUIREMENT MAY RESULT IN REJECTION OF YOUR APPLICATION.

[Each letter of recommendation counts for 10% of your application score--for a total of 20%.]

28. Recommender 1: *

Please list name, email address, affiliation, number of years you have known the recommender, and in what capacity you know the recommender (e.g., teacher, pastor, employer, co-worker, friend, family member).

29. Upload letter from recommender 1. *

The letter should be on letterhead/official stationery, if applicable. THIS IS IMPORTANT: PLEASE USE THIS FORMAT FOR THE UPLOADED FILE: <YOUR LAST NAME> LOR1 (for example, POMPONI LOR1). Failure to use this format may result in a deduction in your score or rejection of your application.

Files submitted:

30. Recommender 2: *

Please list name, email address, affiliation, number of years you have known the recommender, and in what capacity you know the recommender (e.g., teacher, dive instructor, pastor, employer, co-worker, friend, family member).

31. Upload letter from recommender 2. *

The letter should be on letterhead/official stationery, if applicable. THIS IS IMPORTANT: PLEASE USE THIS FORMAT FOR THE UPLOADED FILE: <YOUR LAST NAME> LOR2 (for example, POMPONI LOR2). Failure to use this format may result in a deduction in your score or rejection of your application.

Files submitted:

Google Forms