J. Berman Memorial Grant in Sea Turtle Conservation

One $2000 grant will be awarded to a qualified woman of any age to advance the conservation of sea turtles. Applicants do not need to be students or enrolled in a degree-granting program.   The funds are intended to support a sea turtle conservation activity--and not conservation research.   The funds will support field work, supplies, or equipment that directly support the conservation activity. Funds cannot be used to support tuition, living expenses or student loan payments. A conservation plan should be clearly defined to detail the actual conservation activity and the anticipated outputs and outcomes. The budget should be specific. The applicant should clearly state to whom and how the results of the conservation activity will be communicated to resource managers or regulatory agencies.

* Required

1. Email *

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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.

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

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Applicant Information

3. First Name *

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4. Last Name *

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5. Mailing Address - Street *

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6. Mailing Address - City *

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7. Mailing Address - State/Province *

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8. Mailing address - Country *

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9. Mailing address - Postal code *

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10. Phone number (please include country code) *

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11. Date of Birth *

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Example: January 7, 2019

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

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13. My preferred gender pronouns are: *

We are asking this question to determine your eligibility for this grant, which is only open to women.

Mark only one oval.

◯ She/her

◯ He/his

14. Have you previously applied for a WDHOF Scholarship? *

Mark only one oval.

◯ Yes, awarded

◯ Yes, not awarded

◯ No

Academic Information

15. University *

Please provide the name of the academic institution where you are currently enrolled. If you are not currently enrolled in a degree-granting program, enter N/A.

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16. **Degree Program** *

Which degree program are you currently enrolled in?

Mark only one oval.

- ( ) PhD
- ( ) Masters degree
- ( ) Bachelors degree
- ( ) Associates degree
- ( ) Other
- ( ) Not currently in a degree program.

17. **Degree Field** *

Please provide the field of study you are currently enrolled in. If you are not in a degree program, enter N/A.

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18. **Expected Degree Award Date** *

If you are not in a degree program, enter N/A.

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Example: January 7, 2019

19. **Academic History** *

List your education history (high school to present).

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20. **Other experience**

Describe any other activities or awards that are applicable to this scholarship.

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Diving Experience

21. **Are you a certified scuba diver?** *

Mark only one oval.

◯ Yes

◯ No

22. **Diving Certification and Experience** *

Please include your certifications, year, # of dives, short description of the type of diving you've done. If you are not a diver, enter N/A.

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23. **Will diving be required for your project?** *

Mark only one oval.

◯ Yes, diving will be conducted as a part of my project

◯ The data I will use has already been collected during previous diving activiites

◯ No diving is required to complete my project

Project Information

Describe the project for which you plan to use the grant funds. The funds are intended to support a sea turtle conservation activity--and not conservation research. The funds will support field work, supplies, or equipment that directly support the conservation activity. Funds cannot be used to support tuition, living expenses or student loan payments. A conservation plan should be clearly defined to detail the actual conservation activity and the anticipated outputs and outcomes. The budget should be specific. The applicant should clearly state to whom and how the results of the conservation activity will be communicated to resource managers or regulatory agencies.

24. Title of Project *

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25. Project Summary (250 words maximum) *

Please summarize your project -- consider this like an abstract. And please be mindful of the word count. Exceeding the maximum word count will result in a deduction of points from your overall score.

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26. Project Objective(s) (150 words maximum) *

You may do this as bullet point objectives. Be clear in presenting the goals of your project and/or the hypotheses you are testing. And please be mindful of the word count. Exceeding the maximum word count will result in a deduction of points from your overall score.

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27. Project Rationale: how does the proposed project address conservation of marine species or communities? (250 words maximum) *

This is an important component of your application. You need to link your project objectives to the conservation of marine species or communities. And please be mindful of the word count. Exceeding the maximum word count will result in a deduction of points from your overall score.

28. Project Methods: what methods will you use to address the objectives of your research? (750 words maximum)

This section should clearly describe HOW your will do your proposed research. You should specify the methods you will use to achieve each objective. And please be mindful of the word count. Exceeding the maximum word count will result in a deduction of points from your overall score.

29. Project Budget: please detail and justify how you will spend the funds. If the project budget exceeds $2000, indicate the source of funds for expenses not covered by this grant. (No limit on word count, but be succinct!) *

This section can be a list of the supplies you propose to purchase, or the expenses for field work, or other costs for doing the proposed project. Remember that the grant can not be used for salary, living expenses (except for field work), tuition, basic dive gear, or prior incurred expenses.

30. Are you receiving any financial support for the research you are proposing? Do you have a scholarship, fellowship, or grant to conduct this research, or is your supervisor providing support for all or part of this research? *

    Mark only one oval.

    ⬭ Yes

    ⬭ No

31. If the answer to the previous question is yes, please detail what the funds support, and how your application for this grant will complement or supplement your current support. (250 words maximum)

    The reviewers will evaluate financial need as they review applications.

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32. Project Outcomes and Application: How will you determine if you have achieved your objectives? What is your plan for disseminating or applying the results of your project? (500 words maximum) *

    This is a very important component of your application. Do you have a plan for how your research results will be used by resource managers, for example? How will you disseminate the results of this project? And please be mindful of the word count. Exceeding the maximum word count will result in a deduction of points from your overall score.

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Letters of recommendation

Two (2) recommendations are required. They may be from resource managers, dive instructors, teachers, professors, employers, mentors--anyone in a position to support your application--and in particular, your ability to follow through on the proposed conservation activity.   Please ask your recommenders to email you a copy of their letters of recommendation, on letterhead stationery, if applicable. Letters must be uploaded to the application by you (and not your recommender).

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.

33.   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, dive instructor, employer, co-worker).

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34.   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:

35.   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, employer, co-worker).

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36.   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: