



DOLPHIN RESEARCH CENTER
Ariel Aboody Guterman Memorial *All About Dolphins DolphinLab*
Scholarship Application

Dolphin Research Center is a non-profit marine mammal education and research facility. Through education, research and rescue, Dolphin Research Center promotes peaceful coexistence, cooperation and communication between marine mammals, humans and the environment we share with the well being of DRC's animals taking precedence.

In order to further this mission, we would like to make our *Adult DolphinLab* programs available to those adults whose interest and passion for improving the lives of marine mammals both in human care and in the wild exceeds their bank accounts. The Ariel Aboody Guterman Memorial *All About Dolphins DolphinLab* Scholarship was created to make this possible.



*Ariel was a generous spirit with a deep love for animals, and a very special connection with dolphins since she was a little girl. She would want to share the amazing experiences she had at DRC with others. Dolphins are such beautiful and intelligent creatures who deserve our care and protection.
We know Ariel is smiling down on them always.*



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The scholarship amount is **\$2,100.00** (\$1,600.00 towards tuition + \$500.00 towards travel/lodging). The scholarship award will be based on the greatest financial need and highest motivation to share knowledge acquired in the program for the benefit of marine mammals around the world.

All About Dolphins DolphinLab:

- Tuition is \$1,800.00 (US) without lodging and meals. Tuition includes all seminars, activities, interactive programs, a field trip, and digital photographs of the adult's dolphin interactions throughout the week.
- Tuition does not include transportation to and from any airport, or to and from DRC each day. It is the adult's responsibility to secure transportation.



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Applicants wishing to be considered for the Ariel Aboody Guterman Memorial *All About Dolphins DolphinLab* Scholarship must complete the following:

1. The following documents should be submitted in **one envelope** and mailed to:
Dolphin Research Center
% All About Dolphins DolphinLab Scholarship Application
58901 Overseas Highway
Grassy Key, FL 33050
 - A. This completed application form.
 - B. One (1) sealed letter of recommendation: This letter must be from a professional reference (employer/supervisor, volunteer coordinator, etc) whom you have known for 1+ years. The letter should be in a sealed envelope signed on the back by the person writing the endorsement. Please see the “Letters of Recommendation” section below for additional instructions.

The applicant must also complete and submit the *Adult DolphinLab* online application available on Dolphin Research Center’s website. We cannot consider an applicant as a Scholarship recipient without receiving the online *Adult DolphinLab* application. Please note: If the adult enrolls in more than one *Adult DolphinLab* within the same season and is awarded the Scholarship, the Scholarship is applied only to *All About Dolphins DolphinLab*. The adult cannot be the recipient of more than one scholarship within the same season.

Incomplete applications **will not be accepted or reviewed**. It is the **applicant’s responsibility** to follow up to ensure that the application with all required documents was received.



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The scholarship application includes the following five (5) parts:

1. Contact Information
2. Financial Information
3. Background Information
4. Essay Questions
5. One (1) Letter of Recommendation

Completed applications with all required materials must be received by **March 1, 2024**. The recipient will be selected and notified no later than April 1, 2024.

Please note: This application is for the 2024 *All About Dolphins DolphinLab* only. The applicant must also complete the online *Adult DolphinLab* application on Dolphin Research Center's website to be considered for the scholarship.



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Part 1: Contact Information

Please write clearly and legibly. We will not review applications that are illegible.

Scholarship Applicant's Full Name: _____

Scholarship Applicant's Active Email Address: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____

State/Province: _____ **Zip/Postal Code:** _____ **Country:** _____

Home Phone: _____ **Cell Phone:** _____



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Part 2: Financial Information

The financial information should reflect the financial status of the applicant. Please attach additional pages if necessary to provide complete information.

Full Name of Applicant: _____

Applicant's Active Email Address: _____

Number of dependents if applicable: _____

Name of Employer: _____

Business Street Address: _____

City: _____

State/Province: _____ **Zip/Postal Code:** _____ **Country:** _____

I. Regular Monthly Sources of Income:

Salary (less taxes): \$ _____

Investment Income: \$ _____

Other Income: \$ _____

Net Monthly Income: \$ _____

Additional comments on income: _____

II. Regular Monthly Expenses

Housing: \$ _____

Living: \$ _____

Medical: \$ _____

Tuition*: \$ _____



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II. Regular Monthly Expenses continued

Other: \$ _____

Total Monthly Expenses: \$ _____

Additional comments on income: _____

*Tuition expenses include all college/school tuition costs for you or your dependents.

III. Describe any major anticipated changes to your income or expenses in the next year that will affect your need for a scholarship.



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Part 3: Applicant's Background Information

Please attach additional pages if necessary to provide complete information.

Birthdate (MM/DD/YYYY): _____ Age: _____ Sex: _____

I. Educational Background

High School: _____

Graduation Date (MM/YYYY): _____

College: _____

Graduation Date: (MM/YYYY): _____

II. Work Experience

Name of Employer: _____ Occupation: _____

Business Street Address: _____

City: _____

State/Province: _____ Zip/Postal Code: _____ Country: _____

Phone Number: (____) _____

Dates of Employment: ____/____/____ to ____/____/____



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Part 3: Applicant's Background Information continued

II. Work Experience continued

Name of Employer: _____ Occupation: _____

Business Street Address: _____

City: _____

State/Province: _____ Zip/Postal Code: _____ Country: _____

Phone Number: (____) _____

Dates of Employment: ____/____/____ to ____/____/____

III. Volunteer Experience

Name of Organization: _____ Location: _____

Dates of Service: ____/____/____ to ____/____/____

Brief description of duties:



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Part 3: Applicant's Background Information continued

III. Volunteer Experience continued

Name of Organization: _____ **Location:** _____

Dates of Service: ___/___/___ to ___/___/___

Brief description of duties:

IV. Special Awards, Accomplishments, Other Scholarships, etc.



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Part 4: Essay Questions

Answer all of the following questions on a separate piece of paper. Please write clearly and legibly if answers are not typed. We will not review responses that are illegible. Each answer should be a minimum of one (1) paragraph and a maximum of (2) pages, and answers should be as specific and complete as possible. If typing your essay responses, please use Times New Roman, 12-point font size, with the same minimum and maximum paragraph and page length requirements.

1. Describe experiences you have had and qualities about yourself that you feel will make you successful in this program.
2. Describe a difficult challenge that you faced in your life and how you overcame it.
3. How will you use the *All About Dolphins DolphinLab* experience to engage in conservation behavior in your personal life, and what changes do you hope to inspire in others around you?

I, the undersigned, understand that the information contained in this statement is provided for the purpose of obtaining a scholarship from Dolphin Research Center (DRC). I understand that DRC will rely on the information provided in deciding to award the scholarship. The information provided is true and correct and will be considered as such until I give written notice of change to DRC. DRC is authorized to make all inquiries DRC deems necessary to verify the accuracy of the information provided and to determine my financial condition.

Applicant Signature: _____

Date: _____



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Part 5: Letter of Recommendation

Please include one (1) sealed letter of recommendation: This letter must be from a professional reference (employer/supervisor, volunteer coordinator, etc) whom you have known for 1+ years. The letter should be in a sealed envelope signed on the back by the person writing the endorsement.

Please print the Letter of Recommendation form below for the author to complete and include in the sealed envelope with their letter of recommendation.



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Letter of Recommendation Form

Applicant's Name: _____

The above named individual is applying to the *All About Dolphins DolphinLab* course at Dolphin Research Center (DRC). This applicant seeks a scholarship through the Ariel Aboody Guterman Memorial *All About Dolphins DolphinLab* Scholarship Fund.

Dolphin Research Center is a non-profit marine mammal education and research facility located on Grassy Key in the Florida Keys. *All About Dolphins DolphinLab* is an experiential, hands-on program that encourages critical thinking and group discussions. It is designed to inspire students to engage in conservation-related behavior by fostering connections and relationships with DRC's marine mammal family. The week includes a unique blend of discussion-based presentations on various topics such as Common bottlenose dolphin physiology and anatomy, training and husbandry care, conservation, and more! Students have the opportunity to speak with various professionals in the field to hear first-hand about both the rewards and challenges of a career in an animal field.

Scholarships are awarded based on financial need, motivation, and the desire to positively affect the environment we share. Ability and willingness to share acquired knowledge with others is essential. We would appreciate your comments on the qualifications and attributes of this applicant with regard to receiving a scholarship and attending *All About Dolphins DolphinLab*.

Please complete the following and include this form with your signed and sealed letter of recommendation:

Name: _____ **Relationship to Applicant:** _____

Email Address: _____