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Teen Intermediate 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 *Teen DolphinLab* programs available to those teens whose interest and passion to pursue a career with marine mammals exceeds their bank accounts. Through the generosity of a DRC donor, the *Teen Intermediate DolphinLab* Scholarships were created to make this possible.

One scholarship will cover tuition *without* lodging and meals (\$1,600.00), and the other scholarship will cover tuition including lodging and meals (\$2,050.00). 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.

Teen Intermediate DolphinLab:

- Tuition is \$1,600.00 (US) *without* lodging and meals, or \$2,050.00 (US) **including** lodging and all meals during the program. Tuition also includes all seminars, activities, interactive programs, and digital photographs of the teen's dolphin interactions throughout the week.
- Tuition does not include transportation to and from any airport, or to and from DRC each day if the teen is not staying in the DRC Residence. It is the parent and teen's responsibility to secure transportation.



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Applicants wishing to be considered for the *Teen Intermediate DolphinLab* Scholarship must complete the following:

1. The following documents should be submitted in **one envelope** and mailed to:
Dolphin Research Center
% Teen Intermediate DolphinLab Scholarship Application
58901 Overseas Highway
Grassy Key, FL 33050
 - A. This completed application form.
 - B. Two sealed letters of recommendation: One letter from a person unrelated to you, and whom you have known for 1+ years; one letter from a professional reference (teacher, coach, advisor, etc) whom you have known for 1+ years. The letters should be in a sealed envelope signed on the back by the persons writing the endorsements. Please see the “Letters of Recommendation” section below for additional instructions.

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

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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***Teen Intermediate DolphinLab* Scholarship Application**

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

1. Contact Information
2. Financial Information (Parents' or Legal Guardians')
3. Background Information
4. Essay Questions
5. Two (2) Letters of Recommendation

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

Please note: This application is for the 2024 *Teen Intermediate DolphinLab* only. The applicant must also complete the online *Teen Intermediate 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

Since the applicant is a minor, the financial information should reflect the financial status of the parent or legal guardian. Please attach additional pages if necessary to provide complete information.

Full Name of Parent/Legal Guardian of Applicant: _____

Parent/Legal Guardian's Active Email Address: _____

Number of dependents: _____

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: _____

Expected Graduation Date (MM/DD/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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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 answers should be as specific and complete as possible.

1. Describe experiences you have had and qualities about yourself that you feel will make you successful in this program.
2. What do you think makes an effective presentation, and why is it important for zoological facilities like DRC to educate guests?
3. How will you use the *Teen Intermediate DolphinLab* experience to improve environmental stewardship in your hometown?

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: _____ **Last Four Digits of Soc. Sec. #:** _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____ **Last Four Digits of Soc. Sec. #:** _____



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Part 5: Letters of Recommendation

Please include two (2) sealed letters of recommendation: One letter from a person unrelated to you, and whom you have known for 1+ years; one letter from a professional reference (teacher, coach, advisor, etc) whom you have known for 1+ years. The letters should be in a sealed envelope signed on the back by the persons writing the endorsements. **IMPORTANT:** The letters of recommendation for the Scholarship **should be different authors** than those who wrote the letters for your *Teen Basic DolphinLab* application.

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



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Letter of Recommendation Form

Applicant's First and Last Name: _____

The above named individual is applying to the *Teen Intermediate DolphinLab* course at Dolphin Research Center (DRC). This applicant seeks a scholarship through the *Teen Intermediate DolphinLab* Scholarship Fund.

Dolphin Research Center is a non-profit marine mammal education and research facility located on Grassy Key in the Florida Keys. *Teen Intermediate DolphinLab* is an experiential, hands-on program that encourages critical thinking and group discussions. It is designed to inspire students to pursue a career within the marine mammal field. The week includes a unique blend of hour-long informative, discussion-based seminars 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 *Teen Intermediate DolphinLab*.

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

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

Email Address: _____