



DOLPHIN RESEARCH CENTER

The Rainbow *DolphinCamp* 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 *DolphinCamp* programs available to those campers whose enthusiasm for marine mammals exceeds their bank accounts. Through the generosity of two DRC donors, The Rainbow *DolphinCamp* Scholarship was created to make this possible.



Dolphin Research Center welcomed Rainbow from the New England Aquarium in the early 1990s, and he quickly became an irreplaceable part of the DRC family. Known for his boundless friendliness, Rainbow treated every dolphin and every person as a friend, greeting visitors with joy. He lived up to his name in every way — through his remarkable athleticism, his bright spirit, and the unmistakable “dolphinality” that made him shine. When you spot a rainbow stretching across the sky, it’s easy to feel that Rainbow is still with us, watching over the place and the people he loved.



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The Rainbow *DolphinCamp* Scholarship amount is \$750.00 and goes towards assisting the recipient with tuition for *DolphinCamp* for ages 10-12 or for ages 13-14. Tuition is \$1,100.00 for the week for both age groups. 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.

DolphinCamp (10-12 and 13-14):

- Tuition for *DolphinCamp* is \$1,100.00 (US) for the five-day program, and includes:
 - All indoor and outdoor activities
 - Lunch and snacks each day of the program
 - Digital photographs taken of the camper's dolphin interactions throughout the week
- Tuition does **not** include:
 - Breakfast and dinner each day
 - Accommodations
 - Transportation to and from any airport, or to and from Dolphin Research Center each day. It is the parent/legal guardian's responsibility to secure transportation.

Applicants wishing to be considered for the The Rainbow *DolphinCamp* Scholarship must complete the following:

1. The following documents should be submitted in **one envelope** and mailed to:
Dolphin Research Center
% The Rainbow *DolphinCamp* Scholarship
58901 Overseas Highway
Grassy Key, FL 33050
- A. This completed application form.
- B. The camper's response to the short answer question included in this application.



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The applicant must first complete and submit the *DolphinCamp* online application available on Dolphin Research Center's website. We cannot consider an applicant as a Scholarship recipient without receiving the online *DolphinCamp* application.

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



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The Rainbow *DolphinCamp* Scholarship application includes the following three (3) parts:

1. Contact Information
2. Financial Information (Parents' or Legal Guardians')
3. Short Answer Question

Completed applications with all required materials must be received by **April 1, 2026**. The recipient will be selected and notified no later than May 1, 2026.

Please note: This application is for the 2026 *DolphinCamp* (10-12) or (13-14) season only. The applicant must also complete the online *DolphinCamp* (10-12) or (13-14) 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: _____

Age Range of Scholarship Applicant (*DolphinCamp* 10-12 or *DolphinCamp* 13-14): _____

Full Name of Parent/Legal Guardian Completing this Application: _____

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:

Monthly Salary (less taxes): \$ _____

Monthly Investment Income: \$ _____

Monthly Other Income: \$ _____

Net Monthly Income: \$ _____

Additional comments on monthly income: _____

II. Regular Monthly Expenses

Monthly Housing: \$ _____

Monthly Living: \$ _____

Monthly Medical: \$ _____

Monthly Tuition*: \$ _____

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education@dolphins.org



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II. Regular Monthly Expenses continued

Monthly Other: \$ _____

Total Monthly Expenses: \$ _____

Additional comments on monthly expenses: _____

*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: Short Answer Question

The camper should respond to the following question on a separate piece of paper. Please write clearly and legibly if the response cannot be typed. We will not review responses that are illegible. Please respond in 3-5 sentences.

1. Why do you want to participate in *DolphinCamp*, and what are you most excited to do during camp?

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.

I, the undersigned, also understand that it is important and polite to write a “thank you” note to the DRC donor sponsoring this scholarship. As the parent/guardian of the scholarship applicant named below, I will email education@dolphins.org to acquire the name and address of the donor should my camper be selected as the recipient.

Scholarship Applicant's Full Name: _____

DolphinCamp (10-12) or DolphinCamp (13-14): _____

Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____