

DOLPHIN RESEARCH CENTER

DolphinLab Scholarship Application

Scholarship Provided by the Terri L. Renner Memorial Scholarship Fund

Scholarship Information

We would like to make DolphinLab available to educators and students whose motivational level exceeds their bank accounts. This is possible through the *Terri L. Renner Memorial Scholarship Fund*, which will provide one full-tuition DolphinLab scholarship for a teen (ages 15-17) or adult each year. An educator is not necessarily a teacher in the professional sense, but anyone who is in a position to share his or her experience and knowledge with others.

Scholarships are awarded once each year based on financial need, motivation, and desire to positively affect the environment and lives of dolphins. **Ability and willingness to share acquired knowledge with others is essential.**

Applications must be received by February 1st, and selections will be made each year by March 1st. If you are awarded the DolphinLab scholarship, you are entitled to full tuition of one DolphinLab class. (Transportation to the Keys is not included.) Scholarship recipients may choose to attend any **DolphinLab: All About Dolphins or Teen Basic DolphinLab** class during the public DolphinLab season (May-August), based on availability. (Individuals ages 15-17 must attend a teen class.) The scholarship must be used during the calendar year in which it was awarded. If you have any questions or comments regarding your application, please contact the Education Department at drc-ed@dolphins.org or (305) 289-1121 ext. 225.

Instructions

Please print and fill out this application. Applications must be mailed to Dolphin Research Center. Applications that have been faxed or e-mailed **will not** be accepted. The scholarship application is divided into five parts, as follows:

- Part 1:** Financial Information
- Part 2:** Background Information
- Part 3:** Essay Questions
- Part 4:** Two Letters of Recommendation

Please make sure you have included all parts of the application and have filled them out appropriately. Be sure to include your letters of recommendation with your application using the forms provided. **You will also need to complete and return a DolphinLab Application with the scholarship materials.** (The DolphinLab Application is found on the Dolphin Research Center website.) Be sure to include your 1st, 2nd, and 3rd choice of dates on the application. **Applications must be received by February 1st, and selections will be made each year by March 1st.**



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Terri L. Renner Memorial Scholarship Application

To apply, print this form, fill it out, and mail it, **along with your DolphinLab application and two letters of recommendation**, to:

Dolphin Research Center
Attn: DolphinLab Scholarship Applications
58901 Overseas Highway
Grassy Key, FL 33050

Please advise us of any changes in address or telephone number.

Part 1: Financial Information

Note: If applicant is a **minor**, the following information should reflect the address and financial status of the **parent or legal guardian**.

Scholarship Applicant's Name: _____

Number of Dependents: _____

Email Address: _____

Parent/Guardian's Name: _____

Number of Dependents: _____

Email Address: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ **State/Prov:** _____ **Zip/Postal Code:** _____

Country: _____

Home Phone: (____) _____ **Business Phone:** (____) _____

Name of Employer: _____ **Occupation:** _____

Business Street Address: _____

City: _____ **State/Prov:** _____ **Zip/Postal Code:** _____

Country: _____



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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*: \$ _____
 Other: \$ _____
 Total: \$ _____

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.

Part 2: Applicant's Background Information

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

I. Educational Background

High School: _____

Graduation Date (MM/DD/YYYY): _____



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University/College: _____

Graduation Date (MM/DD/YYYY): _____

Degree(s): _____

Other: _____

II. Work Experience

Name of Employer: _____ Occupation: _____

Business Street Address: _____

City: _____ State/Prov: _____ Zip/Postal Code: _____

Country: _____ Phone Number: (____) _____

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

Name of Employer: _____ Occupation: _____

Business Street Address: _____

City: _____ State/Prov: _____ Zip/Postal Code: _____

Country: _____ Phone Number: (____) _____

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City: _____ State/Prov: _____ Zip/Postal Code: _____

Country: _____ Phone Number: (____) _____

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III. Volunteer Experience

Name of Organization: _____ Location: _____

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

Brief Description of Duties: _____

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



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V. Skills, Hobbies, Special Interests:

VI. Personal References (These must be non-family members):

Name: _____

Relationship: _____ Home Phone: (____) _____

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Part 3: Essay Questions

Answer **all** of the following questions **on a separate sheet of paper**. Each answer should be a minimum of one paragraph, and answers should be as specific and complete as possible.

1. What three personal goals do you wish to obtain through your participation in DolphinLab?
2. Why do you feel you deserve this scholarship?
3. How will you use the DolphinLab experience to benefit dolphins?

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 grant a full or partial scholarship. The information provided is true and correct and will be so considered 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: _____ Soc. Sec. #: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____ Soc. Sec. #: _____

Part 4: Letters of Recommendation

Please provide **two letters of recommendation** from non-family members with your application. Please print out the following pages for each reference to complete.



DOLPHIN RESEARCH CENTER, 58901 Overseas Hwy, Grassy Key, FL 33050
(305) 289-1121 www.dolphins.org

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Letter of Recommendation

Applicant's Name: _____

The above named individual is applying to the DolphinLab course at Dolphin Research Center. This applicant seeks a scholarship through our Terri L. Renner Scholarship Fund.

Dolphin Research Center is a not-for-profit education and research facility that maintains a colony averaging fifteen dolphins in a natural marine environment at Grassy Key, Florida. DolphinLab, the Center's week-long college-accredited program, covers dolphin anatomy and physiology, husbandry and medical treatment, training theory and techniques, behavior, research, marine mammal ethics and the law, and conservation of marine mammals and their environment, in addition to field studies of local Florida ecosystems. The goal of DolphinLab is to provide insights into the world of the dolphin and our interaction with that world, and to foster a new sense of personal involvement.

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Please complete the following information:

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

Home Phone: (____) _____ **Business Phone:** (____) _____

Please attach your letter of recommendation to this sheet. Make sure to **sign and date** your letter of recommendation.



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