



PROMOTING STEWARDSHIP OF WHALES AND THE SALISH SEA ECOSYSTEM THROUGH EDUCATION AND RESEARCH

Diversity and Inclusion Scholarship

Summary: The Whale Museum will award up to two merit-based scholarships worth the full tuition amount per virtual session of our Marine Naturalist Training Program to recognize and support future contributors in the fields of either Marine Biology/Ecology, Mammalogy, Biology, Conservation, and/or Environmental Sciences.

Eligibility: The scholarship is open to women, persons of color, and/or LGBTQ+ individuals who are citizens of the United States, permanent U.S. residents, as well as holders of U.S. student visas (F-1). Applicants must be students currently enrolled in a part-time or full-time undergraduate or graduate program as a degree candidate in one of the following fields: Marine Biology/Ecology, Mammalogy, Biology, Conservation, and/or Environmental Sciences.

Deadline for Application: Applications are due 2 weeks prior to start of session. The current application period for the 2024 spring session is open until 5:00 pm (Pacific Time) on March 26, 2024. The current application period for the 2024 summer session is open until 5:00 pm (Pacific Time) on June 25, 2024. No applications will be considered for a session after the application period has closed. Final decisions on awards will be made within 2-3 business days after application period ends and award recipients will be notified.

Deliverables: Email the four items listed below to TWM's Education Curator, Tracie Merrill, at tracie@whalemuseum.org by the deadline listed above to be considered. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

1. Completed Application
2. Resume, including any supplemental information to this application
3. A one to two page essay.
4. A letter from one professional reference in support of your application.

Essay: In a one to two page essay, describe how you fit the criteria, and how you would benefit from this opportunity. Essay topics may include:

- How will this program benefit your educational and professional goals and objectives?
- What inspired you to pursue your particular career field?
- What interests you about the Salish Sea and marine life that lives here?
- What social and/or economic challenges have you encountered?

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Diversity and Inclusion Scholarship Application for TWM's 2024 Marine Naturalist Training Sessions

Spring Session Application Deadline: March 26 at 5:00 PM Pacific Time

Summer Session Application Deadline: June 25 at 5:00 PM Pacific Time

Session you are applying for: Spring (April 9-13) Summer (July 9-13)

Name:

First: _____ Last: _____

Contact Information:

Email: _____ Phone Number: _____

Education:

College/University: _____

Major or Course of Study: _____

Year of Study: _____

Projected Graduation Date (Month/Year): _____

I am currently enrolled as a:

Part-time student Full-time student

I declare that the information included in this application is accurate and complete. I have read and understand the selection process and criteria required for consideration.

If I receive TWM's Diversity and Inclusion Scholarship, I acknowledge my commitment to attend this virtual MNTTP session.

Applicant's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Submit Completed Application Packet to Tracie Merrill via email tracie@whalemuseum.org:

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