What is the National Ocean Scholarship Program?
As part of the National Ocean Sciences Bowl (NOSB) program’s continuing effort to recognize individual achievements of NOSB program participants, the Consortium for Ocean Leadership offers the National Ocean Scholarship Program. This scholarship program is to provide tuition assistance for NOSB students who have an interest in pursuing an ocean or a marine related subject in their post-high school education.

Criteria for the National Ocean Scholarship Program
All applicants for the National Ocean Scholarship Program must meet the following requirements:

• Participate in the National Ocean Sciences Bowl at least once during their high school career
• Have a career goal in the ocean sciences or a marine-related field
• Demonstrate academic success and integrity throughout their high school career
• Be scheduled to graduate high school in the spring of 2011

Application Process for the National Ocean Scholarship Program
Qualified students are required to submit the following materials:

• Completed application -available on the NOSB website at www.nosb.org
• Official High School Transcript(s)
• Official score sheet from either the SAT or the ACT
• 2 required essays – guidelines are available at www.nosb.org
• Two (2) Recommendation Letters [One must be from an academic source such as a teacher or a coach]
• Proof of admission to an institution of higher learning (if available at this time).

Completed applications must be postmarked by April 15th, 2011 in order to be considered. All documents should be sent to the Consortium for Ocean Leadership at the address below.

Consortium for Ocean Leadership
NOSB National Ocean Scholarship Program
1201 New York Avenue, 4th Floor
Washington, DC 20005

Decisions will be made by June 6th, 2011 and all applicants will be contacted whether or not they receive funding. An outside review team of educators, university scientists and marine agency professionals will evaluate all applications. Selection will be based on evaluation of transcripts, SAT scores, recommendation letters, essays, and overall expressed interest in marine and coastal science. Funding is dependent upon attending an institution of higher learning.

If there are any questions regarding the criteria listed above, please contact the National Ocean Sciences Bowl Program Office at nosb@oceanleadership.org.
National Ocean Sciences Bowl
Ocean Scholar Program Application

I. Personal Information
Name (last) ________________________ (first) ________________________
Address ________________________________________________________
City ______________________   State _______________  Zip Code ________
Phone number ________________________    Date of birth ________________
E-mail Address ____________________________________________________
Are you a citizen of the United States? Yes ____ No _____
If not, do you have a permanent visa?   Yes ____ No _____

II. Academic Success
Be sure to enclose a recent official transcript showing courses and grades for your high school career and a copy of your SAT or ACT scores.
Your grade point average (based on a 0-4 scale) _______________________
Your SAT scores: Verbal __________  Math __________ Critical Reading _______

III. Colleges/Universities
List the colleges and/or universities to which you have applied or to which you are applying, and your anticipated course of study/major. You must be entering your first year of undergraduate studies with the intent to pursue a career in marine sciences.

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IV. NOSB Participation
Number of years you have participated in NOSB ________________________

V. Signature
I certify, to the best of my knowledge, that the above and enclosed information is correct.

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Signature        Date
Essay Questions for the National Ocean Scholar Program Application

Part I.

Below are two (2) essay topics for the National Ocean Scholar Program. Please choose one (1) of the topics and write an essay of 500 words or less.

A. The sixth Ocean Literacy Principle states that “the ocean and humans are inextricably connected.” Choose one connection, and explain how it benefits human populations.

B. Identify one threat to the health of the oceans or marine life that is prevalent today. Discuss the problem, your best solution, and what this issue means to you.

Part II.

Please answer the following question in 250 words or less.

A. Describe an experience that sparked your interest in the ocean sciences and explain how this interest may lead you to a future career in oceanography or a related field. Be sure to include any information about to planned college coursework relevant to this interest.

Please send both essays (Part I and Part II) along with all other application materials to the following address:

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Washington, DC 20005

Be sure all application materials are postmarked by April 15, 2011.
Undergraduate School verification

I, __________________________ will be attending

___________________________ University/College beginning in the fall

semester of the year 2011.

UNDERGRADUATE SCHOOL INFORMATION

Name of University: ____________________________________________________________

Anticipated Major: ____________________________________________________________

Bursar’s Mailing Address (where the Check should be sent): _________________________

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Scholar’s Signature

__________________________________________

Date