



# National Ocean Scholarship Program

## What is the National Ocean Scholarship Program?

As part of the National Ocean Sciences Bowl (NOSB) program's continuing effort to recognize individual achievement as part of the NOSB program, 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 topic area 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
- Pursue 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 2018

## 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 <http://nosb.org/opportunities/national-ocean-scholar-program/>.
- Official High School Transcript(s)  
*NOTE: If the student's GPA is NOT on a 4.0 scale, the student MUST provide a conversion to the 4.0 grade scale signed by their high school principal or counselor*
- Photocopy of an official score sheet from either the SAT or the ACT
- 2 required essays – guidelines are available at <http://nosb.org/opportunities/national-ocean-scholar-program/>.
- Two (2) letters of recommendation [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).

**\*\*\*NOTE: ALL the items listed above MUST arrive to the NOSB office in one package, including letters of recommendation. We suggest the envelopes be sealed, with the signature of the person writing the recommendation over the seal. Any applications received incomplete will NOT be accepted or reviewed.**

Completed applications must be **postmarked** by **MAY 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018** in order to be considered. There is no need to overnight or send by express any application packages, as long as they are postmarked by 5/1/2018!

All documents should be sent to the Consortium for Ocean Leadership at the address below:

**Consortium for Ocean Leadership**  
**Attn: Melissa Brodeur / National Ocean Scholarship Program**  
**1201 New York Avenue, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor**  
**Washington, DC 20005**

Decisions will be made by the end of June 2018, 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 (202) 448-1230 or email [mbrodeur@oceanleadership.org](mailto:mbrodeur@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) \_\_\_\_\_

*(Reminder: If your GPA is NOT on a 4.0 scale, you MUST provide a conversion to the 4.0 grade scale signed by your high school principle or counselor)*

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 on pursuing a career in marine sciences.

| School | Major | Anticipated Coursework & Extracurricular Activities |
|--------|-------|---|
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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, the above and enclosed information is correct.

\_\_\_\_\_  
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 first Ocean Literacy Principle states that “the Earth has one big ocean with many features.” Choose one oceanic feature and explain its significance to current societal impacts and our understanding of the ocean.

*The Ocean Literacy Pamphlet can be found online at:*

[http://oceanservice.noaa.gov/education/literacy/ocean\\_literacy.pdf](http://oceanservice.noaa.gov/education/literacy/ocean_literacy.pdf)

- B. Take a position on one of the current challenges in ocean management (your choice) and write a persuasive argument to convince others to take this position.

### Part II.

Please answer the following question in 250 words or less.

- A. Describe an experience that sparked your interest in the National Ocean Sciences Bowl. Explain how your interest in ocean sciences and participation in NOSB may lead to a future career in the ocean sciences or a related field. Be sure to include any information about planned college coursework (or other activities) relevant to your career choice.

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

**Consortium for Ocean Leadership  
NOSB National Ocean Scholar Program  
1201 New York Avenue, NW  
4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Washington, DC 20005**

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## **Undergraduate School verification**

I, \_\_\_\_\_ *will be attending*

\_\_\_\_\_ *University/College beginning in the fall semester of the year 2018.*

### ***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