

# 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, the NOSB 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 environmental science-related major in the first year of 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 high school career
  - For the 2023 scholarship, students must have participated in the NOSB at least once during the 2020, 2021, or 2022 competition year, not just in 2023.
- Pursue a career goal in an ocean science or environmental science related field
- Demonstrate academic success and integrity throughout their high school career
- Be scheduled to graduate high school in the Spring of 2023

## Application Process for the National Ocean Scholarship Program

Qualified students are required to submit the following materials by email (PDFs preferred):

- Completed application (available on the NOSB website under Scholarship)
- 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*

- Official score sheet / results from either the SAT or the ACT
- TWO (2) required essays (see details below)
- 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 currently)

**ALL components of a complete application must be received by email by June 2, 2023 to be considered.**

***\*\*\*NOTE: Students should include their application form, SAT/ACT scores, essays, and proof of admission in ONE email. The two letters of recommendation may be emailed by the providing individuals and official transcripts may be emailed by the school. Any applications with missing materials as of June 2nd will NOT be accepted or reviewed.***

**Application materials must be emailed to Melissa Brodeur, NOSB Program Manager, at [mbrodeur@ucar.edu](mailto:mbrodeur@ucar.edu).**

Decisions will be made by the end of July 2023, and all applicants will be contacted regardless if they are chosen to receive funding. An outside review team of educators, university scientists, and marine science professionals will evaluate all applications. Selection will be based on evaluation of transcripts, SAT scores, recommendation letters, essays, and overall expressed interest in ocean and environmental science. Funding is dependent upon attending an institution of higher learning.

If there are any questions regarding the criteria or instructions listed above, please contact Melissa Brodeur at 303-497-2654 or email [mbrodeur@ucar.edu](mailto:mbrodeur@ucar.edu).

# 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 send 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 principal 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 or a related field (i.e. climate, environmental science, etc.).

School	Major	Anticipated Coursework & Extracurricular Activities

## IV. NOSB Participation

Which competition years did you participate in NOSB (2020, 2021 and/or 2023) \_\_\_\_\_

## V. Signature

I certify, to the best of my knowledge, the above and enclosed application information/material 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.

**Undergraduate School verification**

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

\_\_\_\_\_ *University/College beginning in the fall semester of  
the year 2023.*

**UNDERGRADUATE SCHOOL INFORMATION**

Name of University: \_\_\_\_\_

Anticipated Major: \_\_\_\_\_

Bursar's Mailing Address (where the Check should be sent): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Scholar's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date