

## Maine Sea Grant Undergraduate Scholarship in Marine Sciences

In partnership with undergraduate institutions throughout the state, Maine Sea Grant is now recruiting applications for its annual Undergraduate Scholarship in Marine Sciences. The program is open to current second- and third-year undergraduate students who have declared majors related to marine or coastal issues at any of the participating undergraduate institutions in Maine (***College of the Atlantic, Maine Maritime Academy, University of Maine, University of Maine at Machias, Saint Joseph's College, and University of New England***). The goal of this scholarship program is to develop a statewide network of undergraduate scholars doing exemplary academic work on marine and coastal issues, and provide participating students with academic and professional development opportunities in their field. Each applicant selected for this award will receive a \$1,000 scholarship to support tuition or other academic or research-related expenses. Award recipients will also be invited to attend Sea Grant-sponsored workshops, conferences, and other events related to marine and coastal science, policy, resource management, community outreach, and education. This award is made possible through a matching grant program in which each \$500 award from Maine Sea Grant is matched with a \$500 award from the selected applicant's home institution.

The Maine Sea Grant Program, based at the University of Maine, is part of a national network of 34 Sea Grant programs located in coastal and Great Lakes states. Maine Sea Grant's mission is to support the responsible use and conservation of coastal resources in order to create thriving coastal communities and ecosystems. The program is supported through a state-federal partnership between the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the University of Maine.

Maine Sea Grant is committed to supporting the academic development and professional opportunities of tomorrow's marine scientists, coastal resource managers, policy practitioners, educators, and industry professionals. This undergraduate scholarship program is one aspect of our workforce development efforts. Please visit [seagrant.umaine.edu](http://seagrant.umaine.edu) to find out about graduate student fellowships and other funding opportunities.

### Eligibility:

To be eligible, students must currently be completing their **second or third year** of undergraduate study at one of the undergraduate institutions participating in this scholarship matching program: ***College of the Atlantic, Maine Maritime Academy, University of Maine, University of Maine at Machias, Saint Joseph's College, and University of New England***. Applicants must have declared a major or other course of study related to marine or coastal issues, and must also be in good academic standing. An individual may only receive the scholarship once, but applicants may reapply if a previous application was unsuccessful. International students are eligible to apply.

**Application Deadline:** Monday, April 26, 2021, at 5:00 pm

### Application Submission Instructions:

Please submit application materials to Kathy Villarreal at [kvillarreal@maine.edu](mailto:kvillarreal@maine.edu) (see following page for application requirements). Email submission is preferred, but if a hard copy submission is necessary, please mail to:

Kathy Villarreal, Maine Sea Grant College Program  
5741 Libby Hall, University of Maine, Orono, ME 04469\*

*\*If you plan to mail a hard copy of the application materials, please email Kathy Villarreal beforehand to let her know. COVID-19 has temporarily limited Sea Grant staff presence on campus.*

Please email Jessica Jansujwicz at [jessica.jansujwicz@maine.edu](mailto:jessica.jansujwicz@maine.edu) with questions about the scholarship or application requirements. Maine Sea Grant's application review committee will announce selection decisions in May 2021. The awards will be disbursed in partnership with selected students' matching institutions for the 2021-2022 academic year to support tuition or other academic or research-related expenses.

**Maine Sea Grant Undergraduate Scholarship in Marine Sciences  
2021 Application Form**

Name (First, M.I., Last):

Undergraduate Institution:

Declared Major or Course of Study:

Campus or Local Mailing Address (Street, City, State, Zip):

Permanent Mailing Address (Street, City, State, Zip):

Email Address:

Phone Number:

**Essay Question:**

Please include a typed response to the following question with your application:

- Describe an experience that sparked your interest in pursuing marine science for your undergraduate studies, and explain how a Maine Sea Grant Undergraduate Scholarship in Marine Sciences would help you to achieve your academic goals and/or prepare you for a future career in the ocean sciences or a related field. Please include any specific skills or experiences that you hope to gain during the remainder of your undergraduate studies. (Maximum length of 600 words)

**Additional Application Materials:**

In addition to your completed application form and essay question answer, please provide:

- Unofficial transcript(s) from any undergraduate institution(s) you have attended.
- A current resume.
- The name and contact information of a faculty member who can serve as a reference.  
(NOTE: a written letter of recommendation is not required).