

**NOAA OFFICE OF EDUCATION
DR. NANCY FOSTER SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

2012 STUDENT APPLICATION

STUDENT DATA (please type or use black ink)

Name _____
(First) (Middle) (Last)

Current Academic Status: [] Undergraduate Student
[] Graduate Student
[] Baccalaureate Recipient Not Currently Enrolled
[] M.S. Recipient Not Currently Enrolled
[] Other _____

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY _____

Department _____ Major _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

DEGREE PROGRAM: I plan to pursue a [] Master's or [] Doctorate

Degree Completion expected (month and year) _____

CURRENT RESIDENCE _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

E-mail Address _____ Home Phone _____

Fax Number: _____ Cell Phone _____

Current address effective through: _____ After this date, all correspondence will be sent to the permanent address listed below unless otherwise requested.

PERMANENT ADDRESS _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT INFORMATION

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GENERAL

How did you learn about the Dr. Nancy Foster Scholarship Program?

- Academic Advisor
- Email communication
- Scholarship Alumni (please provide name): _____
- Website (please specify): _____
- Advertisement (please specify): _____
- National Conference (please specify): _____
- Other (please specify): _____

U.S. Citizen: Yes No

EDUCATION

List Technical Schools and/or Universities/Colleges. Begin with most current institution.

Undergraduate Institutions

INSTITUTION	DATES ATTENDED	MAJOR	DEGREE RECEIVED	MONTH/YEAR	GPA

Graduate Institutions

INSTITUTION	DATES ATTENDED	MAJOR	DEGREE RECEIVED	MONTH/YEAR	GPA

TRANSCRIPTS

Official transcripts are required for each applicant. Submit transcripts only for university/college(s) attended during the last two years of academic training received. Official transcripts must be received by March 15, 2012, at 5:00 P.M. Eastern Time. Official sealed transcripts must be mailed to:

Dr. Nancy Foster Scholarship Program
NOAA Office of Education
1315 East West Highway SSMC3, Room 10725
Silver Spring, MD 20910

Photocopied transcripts are not acceptable.

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INSTITUTE CERTIFICATION

A letter from the applicant's institution certifying that the student is enrolled in or has accepted an offer to a graduate program must be submitted with the application. The letter should consist of the following information on school letterhead and be signed by a school official: Name and location of the academic institution, the school and department that you are currently attending or plan to attend, and the month and year your studies will begin if you are not currently enrolled. It is preferable that the institute certification described above be used. However, some institutions will only provide a standardized institute certification, in which cases that will be acceptable. If you have a graduate advisor, list his/her name, address, telephone and fax numbers, and an e-mail address, if available in the Institute Certification portion of your application. Current transcripts or letters of acceptance from the institution will not be accepted in lieu of the Institute Certification. Failure to include the Institute Certification specifically as indicated above will result in the application being disqualified. Applicants selected to receive the Dr. Nancy Foster Scholarship will be required to submit a certification of enrollment at the start of each academic term.

Applicants who are applying to graduate school should submit a list of schools applied to, and any acceptance letters received at the time of application, in lieu of the certification of enrollment. Individuals selected to receive the Dr. Nancy Foster Scholarship award must provide proof of acceptance into a graduate program at the time of notification or the individual will be ineligible to receive the award. **If applicable, provide a list of the Graduate Schools applied to here:**

RELEVANT WORK EXPERIENCE

List work experience related to your field of study. You may include research and teaching assistantships and any other paid or unpaid work. Begin with current or most recent employment (*use extra page(s), if necessary*)

EMPLOYER	FROM/TO	POSITION	NATURE OF WORK

ACADEMIC AWARDS AND HONORS

Include undergraduate and graduate honors (*if applicable*).

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EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Include technical societies and service organizations (*include offices held*).

REFERENCES

Each application must include two signed letters of recommendation from individuals who have knowledge of your academic record, research effort, work and/or life experience. One of these letters must be from your academic advisor. Relevant paid work, such as internships and volunteer efforts, are applicable. List references here.

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Letters of recommendation must be either mailed to:

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Or emailed to fosterscholars@noaa.gov by the individual writing the letter. All letters of recommendation must be received by 5:00 P.M. Eastern Time on March 15, 2012. Applications without two letters of recommendation will be disqualified. Additional letters of recommendations will not add extra credit towards the final evaluation score.

RESEARCH PROPOSAL (Maximum three (3) pages), *due March 15, 2012*

The Nancy Foster Scholarship program is designed to support students interested in NOAA mission related sciences of oceanography, marine biology or maritime archaeology (including all science, engineering, and resource management of ocean and coastal areas). Discuss the research area you plan to pursue in graduate school and its relationship to NOAA sciences in the aforementioned areas of emphasis and how your research activities support NOAA's mission, especially the mission of the Office of National Marine Sanctuaries. Information about NOAA is available at www.noaa.gov and in particular, the Office of National Marine Sanctuaries at <http://sanctuaries.noaa.gov/>. The research proposal should be typewritten, single-spaced and should not exceed 3 pages in length. Page limits are inclusive of figures, and other visual materials, but are exclusive of references. Statements longer than three pages will not be accepted and will result in the application being disqualified.

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STATEMENT OF INTENT (maximum one (1) page), *due March 15, 2012*

The Statement of Intent is a self-description of your academic, research, and career goals, and how your proposed course of study or research will help you achieve these goals. This is your opportunity to present yourself, and your aspirations and career goals. Include any background information that is pertinent, and provide insight into why you choose these goals to pursue. This statement should not be a research proposal or scientific abstract. This statement will be used to evaluate you as an individual, not necessarily as a scientist, and your motivation for applying for this scholarship. This statement should demonstrate your organizational and written communication skills. The statement of intent should be typewritten, single-spaced, and should not exceed one page in length. Statements longer than one page will not be accepted and will result in the application being disqualified.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL NEED (maximum one (1) page), *due March 15, 2012*

To evaluate financial need, NOAA will use the Department of Education's Expected Family Contribution (EFC) determination. To receive an EFC determination, applicants must submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to the Department of Education. See <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov>. In response to the FAFSA, the Department of Education will provide the applicant with a Student Aid Report (SAR), which will contain the EFC determination. A copy of the SAR and a 1 page, single spaced essay describing your financial need must be submitted with the application. In your essay describe your financial need, discuss how you plan to fund your graduate level education and what the impact will be if you do not receive this scholarship. Also, list the following in the order stated: estimated amount needed for tuition and fees, all resources currently available to you to cover your graduate studies (e.g., grants, student loans, scholarships, research or teaching assistant positions, personal funds), the length of time these resources will be available and if they include work requirements, other resources for which you have applied and have received, as well as those for which you have not received a response. Statements longer than one page will not be accepted and will result in the application being disqualified.

DECLARATION

Applicants must certify that all statements and information in their applications are true.

My signature acknowledges that I am aware that this program is supported by funding from the United States Government, and therefore is subject to Federal law regarding false statements and fraud, particularly the criminal provisions of 18 U.S. code Section 1001. I certify, under the penalty of law, that to the best of my knowledge and belief, all of the information on and attached to this application is true, correct, complete and made in good faith. I understand that false or fraudulent information on or attached to this application may be grounds for dismissal from the Program and punishable by fine or imprisonment. I understand that any information I give may be investigated.

Signature _____ Date _____

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