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**Purpose:** NOAA is collecting information for the Young Changemakers Fellowship. Interested individuals will provide applications to the program and successful applicants will be asked for additional contact and other information.

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National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Young Changemakers Fellowship

*Application form*

Part 1 - Applicant Information

* Full Name (First, Middle (optional), Last)
* Cell Phone Number (Optional)
* Email address

Part 2 - Free Response

* What sort of ocean or environmental issues do you care about, and why do you care about them? Tell us about a time you demonstrated your passion for these issues, either in big or small ways.
* In 3-5 sentences, tell us why you want to be a Young Changemakers Fellow.
* In 3-5 sentences, tell us about a passion you would bring to this Fellowship.
* In 3-5 sentences, tell us about an academic, extracurricular, or other experience that you want us to know about.
* What are three words you would use to describe yourself?

Part 3 - Availability/Commitment

* If you are chosen to be a part of this Fellowship, will you be able to attend the in-person retreat in Washington, DC, on [DATE OF RETREAT]?
* Can you commit to all of the requirements of this program? [LIST OF PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS]

Part 4: Youth information

* Grade in school
* City and state of residence

Part 5: Parent/guardian consent

* Parent/guardian name
* Parent/guardian email
* Parent/guardian statement of consent:  
  “I consent for my child to submit this application to NOAA for the Young Changemakers Fellowship.” (Yes/No)

Part 6: Letter of recommendation

Please provide 1 letter of recommendation from an adult (not your parent or legal guardian) who can speak to your interest in and commitment to environment-related issues, as well as your dependability. (Option to upload letter or have recommender email it directly)

* Name of recommender:
* Email of recommender:
* Phone number of recommender:
* Recommender relationship to you:

*Additional information to collect from students who are selected*

* Additional youth information
  + Preferred name (Optional)
  + Cell phone #, if applicable
  + Home, school, or P.O. Box address (for mailing program materials)
  + Necessary health information
    - Dietary restrictions and/or preferences
    - Allergies
    - Accessibility needs
* Parent / guardian information
  + Name
  + Relationship to the student
  + Email address
  + Cell phone #, if applicable
  + Communication preferences
    - Given this fellowship’s focus on youth voice and leadership, we will typically communicate directly with your child via email and/or other web communications. What is your preference on being included in these communications?
      * I am comfortable with you contacting my child directly, and there is no need to copy me on those communications.
      * I am comfortable with you contacting my child directly, and please copy me on those communications unless I specify otherwise
    - We will be adding information on the fellowship to our website and publishing some press releases about it. In those, would you like us to directly name your child as a member of this fellowship? (Please consult with your child on this!)
      * Yes, by first and last name
      * Yes, by first name and last initial
      * Yes, by first name only
      * No
  + Signed consent forms, including:
    - NOAA Likeness and Profile Form
    - Parent/Guardian permission form for participation in program
* Transportation preferences to get to DC