

NOAA Undergraduate Scholarship Application Experience

The NOAA Office of Education is collecting data to understand possible barriers for applicants in completing applications for the Hollings Undergraduate Scholarship Program and EPP Undergraduate Scholarship Program at NOAA.

You are invited to participate in this survey because our records indicate you started an application for either the Hollings Undergraduate Scholarship Program or the EPP Undergraduate Scholarship Program. NOAA wants to better understand your experience with the scholarship application. Your participation is valuable in helping NOAA improve the process for future applicants. The survey should take approximately 5 minutes, and responses are anonymous.

Thank you for taking the time to complete the NOAA Undergraduate Scholarship Application Experience Survey. Your input is appreciated.

1. For which program did you begin an application? *
 - ☐ Hollings Undergraduate Scholarship Program
 - ☐ EPP Undergraduate Scholarship Program
 2. Did you complete the application? *
 - ☐ Yes *Skip to question 7*
 - ☐ No *Skip to question 3*
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Application Experience

3. Your application was not completed. Please select the statement that best describes how much of the application was completed. *
 - ☐ I completed very little of the application.
 - ☐ I completed about half of the application.
 - ☐ I completed most of the application.
4. Briefly describe why you did not complete your scholarship application. *
5. Which of the following best describes the reason for not completing your application? (Select all that apply)*
 - ☐ I received another opportunity.
 - ☐ The application was too long.
 - ☐ There were technological issues with the application system.
 - ☐ I forgot that I started the application.
 - ☐ I was no longer interested in the program.
 - ☐ I didn't have time to complete the application.
 - ☐ I didn't have anyone to provide feedback on my application.
 - ☐ I had issues gathering the required application materials (i.e., transcripts, references).
 - ☐ Other

6. Briefly describe what supports would have been helpful to successfully complete the application.

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7. How much time did it take to complete all parts of the application? *
- ☐ 1-2 hours
 - ☐ 3-5 hours
 - ☐ More than 5 hours
8. Did you face any challenges when completing the scholarship application? If yes, please describe briefly.
9. Did you seek help in navigating the scholarship application? If yes, what kind of help did you seek? *
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Application Improvement

10. What suggestions do you have that would improve the scholarship application?

Submit form.

Public Burden Statement

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NOAA Routine Uses: NOAA will use this information to evaluate and assess student data and information for the purpose of selecting successful candidates for scholarships, fellowships and internships, generating internal NOAA reports, and articles to demonstrate the success of its program.

Disclosure of this information is permitted under the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. Section 552a) to be shared among NOAA staff for work-related purposes. Disclosure of this information is also subject to all of the published routine uses as identified in the Privacy Act System of Records Notice Commerce/NOAA-14, Office of Education, Educational Partnership Program (EPP/MSI); Ernest F. Hollings Undergraduate Scholarship Program and National Marine Fisheries Service Recruitment, Training, and Research Program.

Obligation to Respond: Furnishing this information is voluntary; however, failure to provide information may prevent consideration of your application for the program.