

Florida Prepaid College & Sea of Change Foundations' Wayne Hasson Legacy Scholarship

Application & Essay Contest Official Rules and Guidelines

The Sea of Change Foundation and Florida Prepaid College Foundation (SOC) have teamed up to offer a 4-year, undergraduate scholarship (to cover full tuition; \$25,000) to an incoming freshman at any public college or university in the State of Florida. The scholarship is established in loving memory of Captain Wayne Hasson and his legacy of marine conservation and education for the youth of Florida and the world.

Applicants must submit a 250-word essay (along with all required application materials as listed below) to scholarships@seaofchange.com by **June 15, 2021** explaining their passion for marine science and/or policy, and how they plan to contribute to positive change during their future career in marine conservation.

Essays should be entitled “**What the Ocean Means to Me, My Future, and Positive Change for My Community; [APPLICANT NAME]**”. Essays will be evaluated by the Board of Directors of the Sea of Change Foundation who will ultimately decide who receives the scholarship.

To be eligible an applicant must:

1. Have completed at least one of the following courses (or equivalent) during high school: Marine Science I, Marine Science II, Environmental Science, Environmental Ethics, and/or Biology (and provide an official transcript of such).
2. Applicants should provide proof of interest in marine science and conservation through memberships or participation in relevant clubs or extracurricular activities and indicate a desire to pursue a college major that provides a basis for a career in marine conservation (and provide documentation of such).
3. Applicants must provide three academic and/or (non-family) personal/professional references with full name, title, affiliation and contact information including both phone number and email.
4. Applicants must provide a complete financial need profile to include:
 - two years of tax/income documentation as proof of financial need/tuition support
 - list of other financial aid or scholarships gained or applied for
 - list of other financial support anticipated (summer jobs, work-study, donations/fundraisers, etc.)
5. Recipients must:
 - Be less than 21 years of age at the time of application
 - Be a resident of Florida or have a resident alien status & a valid SSN
 - **Be need-based****
 - Stay in a Marine Science- or Conservation-related track as an undergraduate

- Have and continue to maintain a GPA of 2.7+
- Email official academic transcripts to SOC at the end of each academic year
- Write and submit a 1000-word review of their experience each year and submit to SOC at the end of each academic year
- **All entries and application materials must be received no later than 11:59 p.m. ET, June 15, 2021.**

**** To qualify as “need-based”, applicants should have at least one of the following factors present:**

- i. Impacted attendance (15+ days absent from school during previous school year due to illness or hardship)
- ii. Single, deceased, or incarcerated parent
- iii. Absent parent (no contact or support)
- iv. Poor relations between biological/adoptive parents
- v. DCF involvement
- vi. Extended family in home
- vii. Student is teen parent
- viii. Parent was teen parent
- ix. Student will be first in family to attend college
- x. Student is first in family to complete high school
- xi. Family has received TANF within one year
- xii. English not spoken at home
- xiii. Migrant worker parent
- ixv. Loss of employment, parent
- xv. Family home in foreclosure
- xvi. Homeless or living with extended family or friends
- xvii. Serious illness in family
- xviii. Disabled student or family member
- ixx. Student is or has been in foster care

Contact Samantha Whitcraft, SOC Foundation at Samantha@seaofchange.com with questions.

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Essay Entry Parental/Legal Guardian Waiver Form

Student/Applicant Name: _____

SSN: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Name of High School: _____

Grade Level: _____

Home Mailing Address: _____

Home or Cellular Telephone Number: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Entry/application will only be accepted if this completed/signed waiver is submitted with ALL of the following items:

- 250-word personal essay
- Complete academic transcript showing required coursework
- Three references with complete contact information (phone and email)
- Proof of age at time of application
- Proof of legal Florida state residency
- Proof of needs-based qualification

Complete application with all supporting materials and email to scholarships@seaofchange.com by 11:59 p.m. ET, June 15, 2021.

Release Statement: As parent or guardian, I acknowledge that my child has written the attached essay and has followed all the guidelines and regulations. Should s/he win the essay contest, I agree to allow the essays to be distributed publicly. I also understand that if it is discovered that my child plagiarized or that the thoughts expressed are not his or her own, the essay and complete scholarship application will be subject to disqualification.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Parent/Guardian Name (Print)

Parent/Guardian Telephone Number and Email