



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

Application & Essay Contest Official Rules and Requirements

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, 2022** 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 and application materials 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, Environmental Science, Environmental Ethics, and/or Biology and provide an official High School transcript.
2. Applicants should have maintained an interest in marine science and conservation through memberships or participation in relevant clubs or extracurricular activities (such as sustainable fishing, boating, scuba diving or marine animal rescue) and indicate a desire to pursue a college major towards a career in marine conservation.
3. Provide one teacher’s and one (non-family) personal/professional reference letter with full name, title, affiliation and contact information including both phone number and email. The teacher’s reference letter should address why the applicant is deserving of the scholarship.
4. Have and maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.7 (B-) or higher

Applicants must also:

- 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

The chosen scholar will be required to:

- Stay in a Marine Science or Marine Conservation related course of study as an undergraduate in a Florida college or University
 - Email official university/college 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
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PARENTAL/LEGAL GUARDIAN CONSENT/WAIVER & RELEASE:

The applicant's parent or legal guardian must complete the information below, sign, and submit with the complete application.

Student Applicant's Full Name: _____

Student Applicant's SSN: _____

Student's Date of Birth: _____

Student's High School: _____

Student's Grade Level (at time of application): _____

Student's Home Mailing Address: _____

Parent/Legal Guardian's Home or Cellular Telephone Number: _____

Parent/Legal Guardian's E-mail Address: _____

Release Statement: As parent or guardian of _____ (student applicant's name), I acknowledge that my child has written the attached essay and has followed all the guidelines and regulations for the Wayne Hasson Legacy Scholarship. Should be awarded this scholarship, I agree to allow the essay 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/Legal Guardian Full Name: _____

Legal Guardian Signature: _____

APPLICATION CHECK LIST: Entry/application will only be accepted when the completed/signed waiver is submitted with ALL of the following items:

- ⇒ Applicant student's 250-word personal essay as described above
- ⇒ Applicant student's complete academic transcript showing required coursework
- ⇒ Two references with complete contact information (phone and email) as described above
- ⇒ Proof of age at time of application
- ⇒ Proof of legal Florida state residency

Application with all supporting materials must be emailed as one complete packet to *scholarships@seaofchange.com* before 11:59 p.m. ET, June 15, 2022.