

All applicants should complete this form and return it together with the parent and student letters and a description of desired classes to the New England Science & Sailing Foundation (“NESS”). To award a scholarship, we require the following:

- 1) Parent Letter/Financial Need:** Scholarships are provided based upon demonstrated financial need. As part of the application, parents/guardians must provide a letter stating the reasons the student should receive a scholarship for the program(s) of their choice including the reasons for financial need. NESS requires submission of income tax returns as part of the application. Parents/guardians are expected to provide an explanation of need in the application letter. *All information will be kept strictly confidential. Do not send Income tax returns to NESS; please bring them to your interview for review.*
- 2) Student Intent Letter:** As part of the application, the student applicant also must provide a letter explaining his/her particular interest in the programs and why the student would like to take part in the programs.
- 3) Interview:** Applicants and parents will be interviewed as part of the application process. Please call the NESS Executive Director at 860-535-9362 to schedule an appointment to give you and your child a tour of the NESS Education Center and review your application.
- 4) Student Highlights Letter:** If your student receives a scholarship, NESS asks for the student, at the end of the session, to provide a letter describing the student’s favorite parts of the program and what they learned. These letters make it possible to provide scholarships in the future.
- 5) Family Contribution:** We ask that all scholarship recipient families contribute at least 5% of the program value or commit to volunteering at NESS to support our programs.

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Current Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you participated in the NESS Scholarship Program before? Yes (# of years) \_\_\_\_\_ No

Amount of scholarship requested: Full \_\_\_\_\_ Partial \_\_\_\_\_

Is the student/parent/guardian willing to volunteer to support NESS programs? Yes No

Do you know anyone who has participated in our programs? Yes No If yes, whom? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you receiving financial aid from any other source? Yes No If yes, whom? \_\_\_\_\_

**I hereby confirm the accuracy of the information provided by this application.**

Signature of Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

A principal goal of the NESS Scholarship Program is to provide access to Marine Science, Adventure Sports and Sailing programs to participants who otherwise are unable to afford the programs. NESS will review scholarship requests on a case by case basis and reserves the right to award scholarships based on its sole discretion. Depending upon available funds and space, NESS will attempt to ensure that all students who desire to participate in the Marine Science, Adventure Sports or Sailing programs are able to do so, regardless of financial circumstances.