

# Individual Scholarship Application

The NESS scholarship program exists to open doors for on-the-water learning to all students regardless of financial need. To award an individual scholarship, NESS Scholarship Committee requires the following:

- 1) Demonstrate Financial Need:** Applicant or Parent/Guardian must provide evidence of financial need. The Scholarship Committee requires the most up to date federal income tax return of the parent/guardian or participant to verify financial need. If unable to provide federal income tax return, the Scholarship Committee may require other verification documents. NESS will not retain a copy of the tax return.
- 2) Student Intent Letter:** The applicant must submit a "Student Intent Letter" explaining why he/she wants to take part in NESS program. Applicant should describe goals, reasons they want to take a particular program, and outcomes they might experience following participation.
- 3) Meet & Greet:** Applicants are encouraged to visit the NESS facility and "Meet and Greet" with NESS staff after submitting application for an orientation prior to participation in program. Please contact the NESS office to schedule an appointment.
- 4) Attendance:** Participants must maintain 80% attendance of the program to remain eligible for the scholarship and must notify NESS if unable to attend for any reason.
- 5) "Great Story":** At the end of the program, participants are encouraged to write a NESS "Great Story" of their experiences that includes challenges and successes of their time in NESS program. "Great Stories" should be submitted by September 1<sup>st</sup>.
- 6) Family Involvement:** Scholarship recipients and families are encouraged to volunteer, provide specialized support and/or support NESS community events. (Mystic St. Patrick's Day Parade, NESS Fest, Fourth of July Parade, Blessing of the Fleet, Fishing Tournament, Catch a Curl Surf Classic, Holiday Stroll, and others).
- 7) NESS Outcomes:** Participants will be asked to complete NESS surveys.

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Participant Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

Scholarship requested: Full \_\_\_\_\_ Partial \_\_\_\_\_ Mallory \_\_\_\_\_

Are you receiving financial aid from any government assistance programs? (check all that apply)

SNAP \_\_\_\_\_ Husky Health \_\_\_\_\_ Head Start \_\_\_\_\_ Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

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

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Parent/Guardian must sign if participant is under 18)

A principal goal of the NESS Scholarship Program is to provide access to NESS 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 NESS programs are able to do so, regardless of financial circumstances.