

## Costa Del Mar/BASS Conservation Graduate College Scholarship Fall/Spring 2008-2009



As many of the state and federal natural resource management biologists near retirement age, there will be a need to fill the vacant positions with qualified biologists who have a passion for fish and wildlife species, especially sport fish. In order to ensure that a pool of well trained, eager biologists is available for employers to choose from, Costa Del Mar and BASS, through the BASS Federation Nation (BFN), is offering a \$5,000\* annual scholarship for a student pursuing a graduate degree in fisheries or aquatic resources. The scholarship will be awarded annually each fall with funding for the second year contingent upon subject major and academic performance. This award will be made directly to the student and not the student's educational institution. It can be used for any aspect of the graduate education including, but not limited to, tuition, textbooks, equipment, travel or living expenses. It is not intended to replace any funding obligated to the student.

### **Requirements:**

The applicant must be a member of BASS. In addition, the applicant must also be a BASS Federation Nation (BFN) club or state organization member, or the immediate family member (living in the same household) of a BFN member. The applicant must pursue a graduate degree in fisheries or aquatic resources. Should the applicant elect to pursue a different career path, or their GPA falls below 3.0, they will no longer be eligible for funding the following year.

If the student wishes to seek the scholarship for a second year, they need only to submit a letter explaining their progress, their desire to continue in the Costa Del Mar/BASS scholarship program, a valid BASS member number, BFN club number for themselves or immediate family member and a copy of the previous year's college transcript.

### **Application Deadline: June 30, 2008**

### **Scholarship Application Process:**

- ◆ Up to two years (\$10,000 total) of scholarships
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1. Complete the application form and mail to: BASS Conservation, PO Box 10,000, Lake Buena Vista, FL 32830. Applications for the 2008-2009 college year are due by June 30, 2008.
2. Provide a copy of undergraduate college transcripts.
3. Provide a copy of your research proposal via email or hardcopy.
4. Provide a letter of introduction explaining your background and interests.
5. In addition, provide a letter of recommendation from your undergraduate or graduate advisor.
6. Applications will be reviewed by a committee of Costa Del Mar and BASS staff.
7. The successful applicant will be notified and their selection posted on [www.costadelmar.com](http://www.costadelmar.com) and [www.bassmaster.com](http://www.bassmaster.com).

**If Selected for the Scholarship:**

You will be required to provide:

1. Verification of acceptance into a college or university.
2. College transcripts for subsequent year funding.
3. Progress report on research or graduate school activities for each year the scholarship is awarded.

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ BASS member #: \_\_\_\_\_

BASS Federation Nation club name and club #, as well as the name of the club member  
(self or immediate family member's name):

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Evening Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Overall Undergraduate GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ GPA in Major courses: \_\_\_\_\_

College: \_\_\_\_\_

Major: \_\_\_\_\_

Degree Sought: \_\_\_\_\_

Expected Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_

1. List work experience in fisheries or related life science professions since beginning college level courses.

2. List publications on which you were the first author, and any presentations at scientific meetings.

3. List professional, scientific, and honor society memberships and positions held.

4. Provide a statement of career goals.