

Costa Del Mar/BASS Conservation Undergraduate 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), are offering six, \$2,000 annual college scholarships (one for each of the BFN Divisions) for students seeking a bachelor's degree in a natural resource field. The scholarship will be awarded annually with funding for the second through fourth years contingent upon subject major and academic performance. This award will be made directly to the student and not the student's educational institution, and can be used for the following aspects of the education: tuition, textbooks, or living expenses.

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 declare a major in biology, fisheries, wildlife or natural resource related field. 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 additional annual scholarships beyond the initial award year (up to four years of scholarships), 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 and 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 four years (\$8,000 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 a high school or college transcript.
3. Provide a letter of introduction explaining your background and interests.
4. In addition, provide two letters of recommendation: one from a high school or college educator, and one from a BFN member, other than a family member. The letters should state why they feel you would make a good biologist.
5. Applications will be reviewed by a committee of Costa Del Mar and BASS staff.
6. The successful applicant will be notified and their selection posted on www.costadelmar.com and 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.

**Costa Del Mar/BASS Conservation Graduate College Scholarship
Application Below**

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Application**

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):

Address: _____

Daytime Phone: _____ Evening Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Year (indicate high school or college): _____

Previous year's GPA: _____

College: _____

Major: _____

Degree Sought: _____

Expected Graduation Date: _____

1) Why are you interested in a career in natural resource management? (Attach additional pages if necessary)