

2019 Young Environmentalist Leadership Course

Scholarship Application

Programme Information

Programme dates: 4th May - 27th October 2019

CCMI's Young Environmentalist Leadership Course (YELC) provides an opportunity for 10 local students to continue their educational pathway in the marine sciences. Over the course of the spring, summer and fall semesters, YELC participants complete their PADI Open Water, Advanced Open Water, and Rescue Diver certifications with Go Pro Diving Cayman and they attend two separate week-long courses with CCMI Education specialists on Grand Cayman and Little Cayman. Students work on field projects, learn to use instruments and equipment to broaden their horizons and experiences that can be used in the workplace. Students also take part in night dives, lionfish dissections, CV workshops, mock job interviews and assist with CCMI's ongoing research.

This programme works to build skilled and enthusiastic environmental ambassadors. Students are exposed to the breadth of opportunities in the marine industry and as a result, make important connections for employment and internships. Local businesses that are involved in the programme include Go Pro Diving, Dive Tech, Cayman Eco Divers Foundation, The Blue Iguana Recovery Programme, The National Trust of the Cayman Islands, Shark Conservation Cayman, Plastic Free Cayman, Red Sail Sports, Ocean Frontiers, Pro Yacht, Cayman Kayaks, and government agencies include the Cayman Islands Department of Environment, John Gray High School, Clifton Hunter High School and the Cayman Islands Further Education Centre (CIFEC). The YELC programme bridges an important gap for local students that do not have access to post-school education in the Cayman Islands, breaking down financial and educational barriers.

This programme is made possible with funding from Fosters Food Fair IGA and Cayman National Bank.

Scholarship Information

Applications are currently open for 10 fully funded scholarships from the Edmund F. and Virginia B. Ball Foundation in support of the Central Caribbean Marine Institutes (CCMI) - Young Environmentalist Leadership Course (YELC) running from 4th May - 27th October 2019.

Applicant Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- A permanent resident of the Cayman Islands or a Caymanian passport holder- Between the ages of 14-18- Be in Excellent Academic Standing (3.0GPA scale or equivalent)
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Included in Scholarship	<p>The complete course costs, including;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- 1 week accommodation at the Little Cayman Research Centre- 1 week of meals at the Little Cayman Research Centre- Transportation around Little Cayman during 1 week of stay- Roundtrip flights from Grand Cayman or Cayman Brac to Little Cayman- Transportation around Grand Cayman during 1 week of networking
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- PADI Open Water Diver certification course
- PADI Advanced Open Water Diver certification course
- PADI Rescue Diver certification course
- PADI Emergency First Responder certification course
- PADI Emergency Oxygen Provider certification course
- All SCUBA dives & equipment during 1 week of stay at the Little Cayman Research Centre
- All Instructor fees
- All classroom and field materials
- The use of CCMI bicycles during 1 week of stay at the Little Cayman Research Centre
- The use of CCMI kayaks during 1 week of stay at the Little Cayman Research Centre

- Not Included in Scholarship
- DAN insurance (once the applicant is a certified SCUBA diver)

How to Apply

Applications should consist of;

- A completed application form
- A Letter of Reference (from a teacher, coach, employer, camp director, or similar)

Should be sent to: education@reefresearch.org
 Please mark your application: **YELC Application 2019**
 The closing date for applications is: **1st April 2019**

Caribbean Marine Ecology Camp

Scholarship Application

First Name

Last Name

Date of Birth
(DD/MM/YY)

Phone
number

Email
Address

Name of
School

Year in
School

GPA or
equivalent

Why do you deserve to come on CCMI's Young Environmentalist Leadership Course?

What do you think you would personally gain from this experience?

What positive impacts are you currently making in your environment?

How could you further improve these impacts?

Describe your most memorable experience in the ocean.

What career would you like to pursue in the future? Do you think YELC would help you with this?

What do you feel you will gain from this YELC programme academically?

Anything else we should know about you as someone applying for this opportunity?
