

2019 Young Environmentalist Leadership Course

Scholarship Application

Programme Information

Programme dates: 2nd May - 25th October 2020

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 a nine-day intensive programme on 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, Spinion, Ocean Frontiers, Pro Yacht, Cayman Kayaks, and government agencies include the Cayman Islands Department of Environment, John Gray High School, Clifton Hunter High School, the University College of the Cayman Islands (UCCI) 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 for students to participate in the Young Environmentalist Leadership Course (YELC) running from 2nd May - 25th October 2020, with the Little Cayman portion of the programme running from 17 - 25 October.

Applicant Requirements

- A permanent resident of the Cayman Islands or a Caymanian passport holder
- Between the ages of 15-19
- Be in Excellent Academic Standing (3.0GPA scale or equivalent)

Included in Scholarship

The complete course costs, including;

- 9 days accommodation at the Little Cayman Research Centre
- 9 days of meals at the Little Cayman Research Centre
- Transportation around Little Cayman during stay
- Roundtrip flights from Grand Cayman or Cayman Brac to Little Cayman

- 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 stay at the Little Cayman Research Centre
- All Instructor fees
- All classroom and field materials
- The use of CCMI bicycles during stay at the Little Cayman Research Centre
- The use of CCMI kayaks during 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 2020**
 The closing date for applications is: **1st April 2020**

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First Name

Last Name

Date of Birth (DD/MM/YY)

Phone number

Email Address

Name of School

Year in School

GPA or equivalent

What qualifications and needs do you have which make you a deserving candidate for YELC?

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

What positive impacts are you currently making on the 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?
