



Young Environmentalist Leadership Course 2020

Programme Information

Programme Dates: 12 October - 4 December 2020

Little Cayman Dates: 29 November - 4 December 2020

CCMI's Young Environmentalist Leadership Course (YELC) provides an opportunity for 6 local students to continue their educational pathway in the marine sciences. YELC participants complete their PADI Open Water and Advanced Open Water certifications with Go Pro Diving Cayman and they attend a week-long course with CCMI at the Little Cayman Research Centre. Students learn about the marine environment and threats to it and work on field projects, using scientific instruments and equipment. They will broaden their horizons and gain experiences that can be used in the workplace. Students also may 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 have been involved in this programme over the years 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 in training and opportunities for local students and young adults 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 6 fully-funded scholarships to participate in the Young Environmentalist Leadership Course (YELC) running from 12 October - 4 December 2020.



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Programme Details & Requirements

Applicant Requirements - A permanent resident of the Cayman Islands or a Caymanian passport holder

Included in Scholarship The complete course costs, including;

- Accommodation, meals, and transport for one week at the Little Cayman Research Centre (29 November - 4 December)
- Round trip flights from Grand Cayman (or Cayman Brac) to Little Cayman
- PADI Open Water Diver certification course
- PADI Advanced Open Water Diver certification course
- All scuba dives & equipment during stay at the Little Cayman Research Centre
- All instructor fees & classroom and field materials

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

How to Apply Application should consist of:

- A completed application form
- Contact information for two references (ex. teacher, coach, employer, camp director, or similar)

Completed applications to be sent to: info@reefresearch.org
Please mark your application: **YELC Application 2020**
Application closing date: **5 October 2020**