

The Young Environmentalist Leadership Course

Programme Information:

Applications due to CCMI: 31st March
 Applicant interviews: 1st -8th April
 YELC course: 30th April - 21st July
 Little Cayman dates: 12th-21st July



CCMI's Young Environmentalist Leadership Course (YELC) provides an opportunity for up to 10 local students to continue their educational pathway in the marine sciences. From April through July, YELC participants complete their PADI Open Water and Advanced Open Water dive certifications, which is followed by attending a 10-day long hands-on, intensive residential course at the Little Cayman Research Centre. Students are trained as Emergency First Responders and complete their PADI Rescue Diver as part of their time in Little Cayman. Additionally, they will work alongside the CCMI Education and Research teams on field projects and learn to use instruments and equipment to broaden their horizons and experiences. Students will also take part in career meetings, complete a lionfish dissection, attend a CV development workshop, participate in mock job interviews, meet industry professionals, 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 including 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.

Scholarship Information

Applications are currently open for 10 fully funded scholarships thanks to the financial support provided by Foster's and Cayman National.

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2022 Application

- Applicant requirements
- A permanent resident of the Cayman Islands or a Caymanian passport holder
 - In final year in the Cayman Islands school system or school graduate
 - Interest in pursuing a career in water sports industry

- Included in scholarship
- The complete course costs, including;
- 10 days accommodation at the Little Cayman Research Centre
 - 10 days of meals at the Little Cayman Research Centre
 - Transportation around Little Cayman during stay
 - Roundtrip flights from Grand Cayman 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 & classroom and field materials
 - The use of CCMI bicycles and 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 recommendation (from a teacher, coach, employer, camp director, or similar)
 - The name and contact details of two contacts of reference (ex. teacher, coach, employer, camp director, or similar)

Completed applications to be sent to:
education@reefresearch.org

Please mark your application: **YELC Application 2022**

The closing date for applications is **31st March 2022 (5pm)**



First Name

Last Name

Date of Birth
(DD/MM/YY)

Phone
number

Email Address

Gender

Name of current /
former school

Why should you be considered for CCMI's Young Environmentalist Leadership Course?

What do you hope to gain from this experience?

What positive impacts are you currently making on the environment?

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