

Barnegat Bay Student Grant Application Guidelines



All applications must include the following information:

- 1) Application cover page
- 2) Project Title
- 3) Project Location
- 4) Project Duration
- 5) Project Description
- 6) Statement of Need for the Grant
- 7) Other Sources of Grant Funding and/or Grant Support (if applicable)
- 8) Past Research Experience (if applicable)
- 9) An Official High School or College Transcript
- 10) Support Letter from Proposed Research Advisor

All applications will be reviewed based on the following criteria:

Hypothesis and Project Purpose - Clearly written and definable with strong and attainable results.
Introduction - An overview of the project and background information using credible references cited in the proposal.
Experimental Design - Well thought out and contains all materials, detailed methods with a definable and realistic timeframe. The experimental design must have relevance to the topic and purpose of the project. Also, a timetable should be included as an attachment after the bibliography (references).
Results - Attainable and realistic within the context of the proposal submitted and timeframe allotted.
The Proposal - Grammatically proper and well organized.
The Project - Involves independent thought and good scholarly effort.
The Project - Includes appropriate bibliography and citations.

Student Eligibility Requirements:

The applicant must be an undergraduate student enrolled in, or a current high school 12th grade student that has been accepted to, a full-time program of study in marine science, natural resource management, environmental studies or related fields at an accredited college or university.

1. Proposed project must take place within the boundaries of Barnegat Bay and its watershed.
2. Students must have a written commitment from their proposed advisor.
3. Students are expected to dedicate a minimum of 100 hours to the proposed project.
4. Students must record research activities in a journal and keep a log of their hours.
5. Students must provide the Grant committee with a mid-point project presentation outlining their progress to date (oral and written).
6. Final Presentation on August 3rd, 2012.
7. The deadline for submission of the final written research report is August 10th, 2012.
8. Students must write a summary of their research for press purposes which is due by August 10th, 2012 along with the final written research report.

There will be information and examples of a successful proposal, report and press summary available at www.savebarnegatbay.org

An initial disbursement of \$150 will be made at the start of his or her project. The remaining funds will be disbursed after the final report is submitted and approved by the Grant Committee. Please see the grant application deadline and all dates below that are a required for participation in the grant program.



Important 2012 Grant Dates:

- **April 2nd** – Student Application Deadline
- **May 1st** – Notification of Award
- **May 25th** – Student, Advisor and Committee Meeting *
- **June 3rd** – Barnegat Bay Festival - Presentation of Grant Candidates *
- **July 10th** – Mid-point Project Presentation*
 - submission of midterm update (written)
 - oral overview of project to date (without PowerPoint)
 - review of your journal and entries to date
 - there will be a presentation about a Barnegat Bay topic for the entire group (seminar)
- **August 3rd** – Final Project Presentations *
 - formal scientific presentation open to the public
 - meeting with committee to review presentations
- **August 10th** – Final Written Research Report and Press Write Up Due *

(* Indicates dates where grant candidates' participation is considered mandatory)

Applications must be received by 3pm on April 1st, 2012. We strongly encourage that all applications be sent electronically as attachments to Dr. John Wnek (jwnek@mail.ocvts.org)

Candidates will be notified of their award by May 1st, 2012

For Additional Information Contact:

The e-mail address above

or

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Date of Submission:

PROPOSAL COVER PAGE

BARNEGAT BAY STUDENT GRANT PROGRAM

Home Address, Phone Number and Email:

Advisor's Name, Address, Phone and Email:

College or University you are attending in the Fall 2011*:

As of Fall 2011, I will be an undergraduate student: (Please circle one)

Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior

Project Location:

Signature:

Abbreviated Project Description (20 words or less):