

Barnegat Bay Student Grant Application Guidelines



All applications for the water quality project must include the following information:

- 1) Application cover page
- 2) A written interest statement addressing “what you feel you could contribute to the study”
- 3) Statement of need for the grant
- 4) Other past sources of grant funding and/or past grant support (if applicable)
- 5) Past research or field experience (if applicable)
- 6) An official high school (for those entering college) or college transcript
- 7) Recommendation letter from a professor or supervisor that is familiar with your character and work ethic

All applications will be reviewed based on the following criteria:

<p>Letter of Interest – why do you want to get involved in a team research project that addressed water quality in Barnegat Bay, and what do you feel that you can contribute to the project.</p>
<p>Recommendation - the person recommending you should provide a good indication of you as a student, and your ability to potentially work on a field, team-oriented project.</p>
<p>Transcript - you have taken science courses that may help you to be more successful with the project. We are also looking at overall grade point averages.</p>
<p>Ability to Work on a Team - this is a team-oriented, field project, be sure to include any experiences that you had with a team project and/or your ability to work in the field.</p>
<p>Flexibility – this project involves sampling storm water runoff during rainfall events; therefore, you must have a flexible schedule.</p>

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. The project will take place within the boundaries of Barnegat Bay and its watershed and students must have transportation to the field site(s).
2. Students must provide all application components.
3. Students are expected to dedicate a minimum of 60 hours to the proposed project (dependent of rainfall).
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 (oral presentation open to public) 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 (brief summary)
 - oral overview of project to date (**without PowerPoint**)
 - review of your journal and entries to date
 - there may 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 2nd, 2012. We strongly encourage that all applications be sent electronically by e-mail 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:

TEAM PROJECT COVER PAGE

BARNEGAT BAY STUDENT GRANT PROGRAM

Home Address, Phone Number and Email:

Recommender's Name, Address, Phone and Email:

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

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

Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior

“This project is in conjunction with the Barnegat Bay Student Grant Program, N.J. Department of Environmental Protection, and the Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Ocean County.”

Signature: