



THE BLACK CORAL DIVERS SCUBA DIVING CERTIFICATION SCHOLARSHIP

Since 1994 The Black Coral Divers (BCD) has been an integral part of the Dallas Fort Worth scuba diving community. Over the years, BCD has pursued its goal of training and promoting scuba diving in the Dallas Fort Worth community by sponsoring introduction to diving clinics, demonstrations and presentations to various churches and schools, and at our local dive shop in Garland, Texas and the surrounding DFW area. BCD is committed and keenly aware of the importance of encouraging youth to carry on the recognition of safe scuba diving and awareness of the commitment to conserve the coastal and marine environment. BCD is an active participant in underwater archeological surveys sponsored by the National Association of Black Scuba Divers (NABS) “Diving With a Purpose Program (DWP)” at the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary. Management of the underwater archeological studies is in accordance with the guidelines documented by The National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). We embrace the concept by promoting community based environmental awareness activities such as this to help make a difference in our community.

The scholarship will be offered to DFW youths interested in learning to scuba dive and who have an interest in pursuing future studies in marine biology. PADI Open Water Scuba Diving Course and dive equipment required during the course. Recipients will also be invited to attend the National Association of Black SCUBA Divers 9th Annual Youth Educational Summit (NABSYES) in Houston/Galveston, Texas in June 2012.

Scholarship Requirements:

- ❑ Ages 12-16
- ❑ Resident of Dallas TX or surrounding counties
- ❑ Full time student, with an overall GPA of at least 2.8 out of 4.0
- ❑ Ability to swim {200 yards /tread water 5 minutes }
- ❑ Have an interest in scuba diving certification and marine sciences.
- ❑ Submit two letters of reference from adult persons in the community that can attest to your character and community deeds
- ❑ Submit a 250 word essay explaining your;
 - Interest in scuba diving
 - Diving goals and objectives
 - Conservation of the underwater environment is an ongoing challenge throughout the world. What are your concepts of underwater conservation? What is the mission of The Project Aware Foundation?

Application Process

Applications and support materials must be received by March 21, 2012.
Send application and the required accompanying documents as one complete package to gemack8@yahoo.com. Be sure to reference: **Black Coral Divers Scuba Diving Scholarship** on the reference line.

Diving Certification Scholarship Form	
Personal Information	
Name:	
Gender: M or F	Birthdate:
Address:	
City:	
State:	
ZIP:	
County:	
Phone:	
Daytime:	
Evening:	
Parents or Guardians Name:	
1.	
2.	
School Information	
Name:	
Address:	
Phone:	
Principal Name:	
GPA:	
Classification:	
Aquatic Skills	

Ability to Swim 200 yards: Y/N
Ability to tread water for 5 minutes Y/N
List all aquatic or swimming certification you have
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