# WDHOF

# WOMEN DIVERS HALL OF FAME™ 2023 SCHOLARSHIPS AND TRAINING GRANTS

# Applications open September 1, 2022.

The deadline for receipt of applications is October 31, 2022, at 5:00 pm New York time. (Exception: Undergraduate Marine Research Internship closes Jan 15, 2023 at 5:00 pm New York time.)

Applicants will be notified by Feb 1, 2023, and awards will be made in March 2023.

The Women Divers Hall of Fame ™ (WDHOF) is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization dedicated to honoring and raising awareness of the contributions of outstanding women divers. WDHOF provides educational, mentorship, financial, and career opportunities to the diving community throughout the world. Each year, WDHOF awards scholarships and training grants that provide financial and educational support to individuals of all ages.

# **HOW TO APPLY**

- The application process is online.
- Please register here on or after September 1, 2022, to apply for a WDHOF Scholarship or Training Grant. You will be required to complete an eligibility form. Your responses to the questions will determine your eligibility for WDHOF scholarships and training grants, and you will be directed to a list of scholarships/grants for which you are eligible to apply.
- You may only apply for ONE scholarship or ONE training grant.

# DEADLINES, NOTIFICATION, AND OTHER IMPORTANT INFO

# **Important Information: Read First!**

- Applications open on September 1, 2022, and close on October 31, 2022, at 5:00 pm New York time (EDT). One exception: the Undergraduate Marine Research Internship application deadline is January 15, 2023, at 5:00 pm New York time (EST).
- All applications require two letters of recommendation from individuals who can comment on your ability to complete the proposed project or training. Details about the letters of recommendation are provided on the application form.
- No applications or letters of recommendation will be accepted after the deadline.
- Awards will be announced February 1, 2023, and the awards will be made in March 2023.
- PLEASE DO NOT APPLY IF YOU NEED THE SCHOLAR-SHIP OR TRAINING GRANT BEFORE MARCH 2023.
- The scholarship or training grant must be used within 18 months of the date of the award (August 31, 2024). Please do not apply if you cannot complete the project or dive training within 18 months of receiving the award.
- At the completion of the project or training, a report detailing how the funds were used must be submitted online.
- Awardees will get a one-year complimentary membership as a WDHOF <u>Associate</u>.

# **SUMMARY OF SCHOLARSHIPS/GRANTS**

Thirty-eight scholarships and training grants are offered this year. For some of the categories, more than one scholarship/grant is being offered. A summary of the scholarship/grant categories and award amounts is listed below. Full descriptions and sponsorship follow the summary. Application instructions can be found <a href="here">here</a>.

# 2023 Scholarships (17)

- Marine Conservation Scholarships: Graduate (4 women only, 1 women or men)
- Marine Conservation Scholarships: Undergraduate (1 women only, 1 women or men)
- J. Berman Memorial Grant for Sea Turtle Conservation (1 - women only)
- Susan L. Williams Memorial Fellowships in Coral and Seagrass Rehabilitation (4 women only)
- Cecelia Connelly Memorial Graduate Scholarship in Underwater Archaeology (1 - women only)
- Undergraduate Marine Research Scholarships & Internship (1 women or men)
- Laurel Clark Memorial Sea to Space Physiology Research Fellowships (2 - women or men)
- Bonnie Cardone Memorial Scholarship in Journalism, Graphic Arts, Photography, or Videography
   (1 - women only)

# 2023 Training Grants (15)

- Basic dive training (learn to dive) (6 women only, 1 women or men)
- Advanced dive training (6 women only, 1 women or men)
- Basic or advanced hard hat dive training (1 women or men)
- Basic or advanced dive training for candidates in ROTC, JROTC, military academy, Sea Scout or Sea Cadet (1 - women or men)
- Disabled diver (beginner or advanced) or instructor to assist disabled to dive (1 women or men)

# 2023 Specialty Grants (6)

- Instructor advanced education (1 women only)
- Diver medical education or emergency medical responder (5 - women or men)

We thank the sponsors of individual scholarships and training grants for their generous support: J. Berman Memorial Foundation
• Frank Boulanger, in memory of his wife and WDHOF Member Ella Jean Morgan • Jon Clark, in memory of his wife WDHOF Member Dr. Laurel Clark
• Family and friends of Suzie Dudas and WDHOF Member Evelyn Dudas in memory of Zale and Saxon • Family and friends (WDHOF Co-founder/
Member Kathy Weydig) in memory of Hugh Fletcher • Family and friends in memory of WDHOF Member Sherry Reed • Family and friends in memory
of WDHOF Member Susan L. Williams, Ph.D. • Noel Furniss (grandson) in memory of WDHOF Member Amelia Behrens-Furniss • Rosemary Kurtii,
in memory of Jim Leffard • John and Jeanne Morrison in memory of their daughter Rachel Morrison • WDHOF Member Cecilie Benjamin in memory
of her husband Max Benjamin • WDHOF Member Christine Bird/Oceanic Research Group • WDHOF Member Mary Connelly & Connelly Family in
memory of their mother and WDHOF Member Cecelia Connelly • WDHOF Member Meg Donat • WDHOF Member Patti Gross • WDHOF Members
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Foundation in memory of Captain Wayne Hasson • WDHOF Co-founder/Member Jennifer King/Women's Scuba Association • WDHOF Member
Stephanie Miele/SDI/TDI • WDHOF Member Chantelle Newman/ Diver Medic • WDHOF Member Faith Ortins/Blue Green Expeditions • WDHOF
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# **SCHOLARSHIPS**

Seventeen scholarships/fellowships/internships are offered this year in marine conservation (basic or applied research), marine biology, underwater archaeology, seagrass and coral rehabilitation, sea turtle conservation, extreme environment physiology, and journalism/graphic arts/photography/videography. They are intended to support independent research, field work, and conservation/rehabilitation activities, as specified in the descriptions. Scholarships/Fellowships/Internships are paid directly to the recipient.

# **Marine Conservation Scholarships**

(5 for women; 2 for a woman or man)

Marine conservation has been our most popular and most competitive scholarship opportunity for several years. In response to the high number of competitive applications, WDHOF and our sponsors continue to offer several graduate and undergraduate scholarships in marine conservation. Up to four scholarships (\$2000 each) will be awarded to qualified women of any age who are enrolled in an accredited graduate academic or research program in the field of marine conservation.

One scholarship (\$2,000) will be awarded to a woman or man to support a graduate project in applied marine conservation biology. Women or men with current enrollment in a marine science or marine policy degree-granting graduate program are eligible to apply.

Up to two scholarships (1 @ \$1500 and 1 @ \$1000) will be awarded to qualified women or men of any age who are enrolled in an accredited undergraduate academic or research program in the field of marine conservation.

These scholarships are intended to support independent research and/or fieldwork at an accredited university; they will not support tuition, living expenses or student loan payments. The applicant should clearly state how the intended use of the scholarship will advance marine conservation. A research proposal detailing the conservation objectives, methods, and anticipated results is required.

There are a number of sponsors and different eligibility criteria. The WDHOF Scholarship Committee will select the award based on applicant eligibility criteria and reviewer recommendations.

- Max Benjamin Memorial Graduate Conservation Scholarship, sponsored by WDHOF Member Cecilie Benjamin in memory of her husband Max (women only)
- Marine Conservation Graduate Scholarship, sponsored by WDHOF Member Meg Donat (women only)
- Rachel Morrison Memorial Graduate Conservation Scholarship, sponsored by John and Jeanne Morrison in memory of their daughter <u>Rachel Morrison</u> (women only)
- Marine Conservation Graduate Scholarship, sponsored by donations to the Women Divers Hall of Fame Scholarship Fund (women only)
- Captain Wayne Hasson Memorial Applied Marine
   Conservation Graduate Research Scholarship, sponsored
   by the Sea of Change Foundation/ WDHOF Member Anne
   Hasson, in loving memory of Captain Wayne Hasson (women
   or men)

- Sherry Reed Memorial Undergraduate Marine
   Conservation Scholarship, sponsored by family and friends
   in memory of WDHOF Member <u>Sherry Reed</u> (\$1500, women
   only)
- Oceanic Research Group Undergraduate Marine
   Conservation Scholarship, sponsored by Oceanic Research
   Group/WDHOF Member Christine Bird (\$1,000, women or
   men)

# Susan L. Williams Memorial Fellowships in Coral and Seagrass Rehabilitation

(women only)

Four fellowships, \$2500 each, will be awarded to qualified women applicants of any age. The fellowships are intended to support marine fieldwork and data collection in conjunction with marine habitat rehabilitation projects. The applicant should clearly state how the intended use of the fellowship will advance the conservation, protection, and/or rehabilitation of coral reefs or sea grass habitats. The fellowships are not intended to support tuition, living expenses or student loan payments. There is no requirement that the recipients be associated with a university.

 Sponsored by family and friends in memory of WDHOF Member Susan L. Williams, Ph.D.

# J. Berman Memorial Grant for Sea Turtle Conservation (women only)

One \$2000 grant will be awarded to a qualified woman of any age to advance the conservation of sea turtles. Applicants do not need to be students or enrolled in a degree-granting program. The funds are intended to support a sea turtle conservation activity--and not conservation research. The funds will support field work, supplies, or equipment that directly support the conservation activity. Funds cannot be used to support tuition, living expenses or student loan payments. A conservation plan should be clearly defined to detail the actual conservation activity and the anticipated outputs and outcomes. The budget should be specific. The applicant should clearly state to whom and how the results of the conservation activity will be communicated to resource managers or regulatory agencies.

• Sponsored by the J. Berman Memorial Foundation



# Cecelia Connelly Memorial Graduate Scholarship in Underwater Archaeology (women only)

One \$2500 scholarship will be awarded to a deserving woman of any age who is enrolled in an accredited graduate level course of study leading to a career in the field of underwater archaeology. The applicant must have a GPA of 3.0 or better and must be in good standing with her academic institution. First-year graduate students may submit verification of a minimum overall GPA of 2.5 from their final year as an undergraduate. The funds are intended to assist with research or field study costs, and not with living expenses or student loan payments.

 Sponsored by the Connelly Family (WDHOF Member <u>Mary Connelly</u>) in memory of their mother, WDHOF Member <u>Cecelia Connelly</u>

# Bonnie Cardone Memorial Scholarship in Journalism, Graphic Arts, Photography, or Videography (women only)

One \$1,500 scholarship will be awarded to a woman diver who is enrolled in a degree-granting undergraduate or graduate program in the U.S. or Canada in the field of journalism, graphic arts, photography, or videography and who plans to use her education/training to better serve the ocean environment or ocean community. The scholarship may be used to support tuition, participation in a journalism, graphic arts, or photography workshop, or an internship program at an accredited university. It may not be used for student loan payments, housing, or prior incurred expenses. The application should detail specific plans for how the scholarship will be used, and how the outcome of the scholarship will be applied to better serve the ocean environment or ocean community.

 Sponsored by WDHOF Members Michele Hall, Andrea Stockert, and Karen Straus in memory of WDHOF Member Bonnie Cardone

# Laurel Clark Sea To Space Physiology Research Grant (women or men)

Two (2) \$5000 grants will be awarded to support graduate research in extreme environment physiology (diving, altitude, and/or space). Women or men with current or pending enrollment in a degree-granting graduate program are eligible to apply. A research proposal detailing the objectives, hypotheses to be tested, methods, anticipated results, and alternative approaches is required. The grant is for 18 months, during which time the recipient will be expected to have completed the proposed research. It is expected that results of the research will be submitted for presentation at an academic conference and/or submitted for publication in a peer-reviewed journal within 6 months of project completion. A detailed budget, with justification, is required with the application. Only direct costs related to the research will be covered (e.g., equipment, supplies, travel, partial tuition); the grant opportunity does not cover indirect costs and cannot be used solely for tuition. A financial report detailing how funds were used will be due no later than 18 months after the award is issued.

 Sponsored by Jon Clark, in memory of his wife <u>Dr. Laurel Clark</u>, a medical doctor, U.S. Navy Captain, accomplished diver, and NASA astronaut

# Undergraduate Marine Research Internship (women or men)

A \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded to a still-matriculated undergraduate student (woman or man) who will be participating in a confirmed internship program with a focus in marine biology. The internship and logistical details should be identified by the applicant and provided with their application packet. If the applicant has not yet received the internship award, s/he should provide details for one or more applications that the applicant has submitted but not yet received confirmation of the award (but note that receipt of the UMRI award is preferential to an applicant with an internship confirmed). Students must provide documentation to verify that they have completed at least 60 credits or hold third-year (junior) status prior to starting the internship; applicants must still be enrolled in an academic program during participation in the internship for which they are applying. This scholarship can be used to offset expenses (e.g., travel, lodging, research expenses) related to the internship. The internship is typically ~3 months (or completed during a summer session), though longer duration exceptions will be considered. DEADLINE for application is JAN 15, 2023.

Sponsored by WDHOF Members <u>Devonna Shoemaker</u>, Ph.D. and <u>Kathleen Dudzinski</u>, Ph.D.



# TRAINING GRANTS

Twenty-one training grants are offered this year. Training grants provide funding for diving and diving-related underwater training. WDHOF and our sponsors offer several dive training grants for both beginners to learn to dive and for certified divers to advance their skills. For training conducted in the U.S., funds are paid directly to the training facility upon WDHOF's receipt of an invoice; the grant is NOT paid directly to the grantee. For training that is not conducted in the U.S., the grantee must submit an invoice, and funds will be transferred to the grantee's bank account.

# **Basic Dive Training Grants: Learn To Dive**

Several basic dive training grants are being offered to women or men who wish to learn to dive through approved internationally-recognized scuba diving programs. The grants are valued at \$1000:

- The awards provide \$500 for dive training (however, the applicant may request the entire award amount for training)
  - One award (SDI Basic Dive Training Grant)
    provides training directly through one of the SDI dive
    training facilities.
- The awards provide up to \$500 for dive gear (or the balance remaining after at least \$500 has been used for dive training)
- Dive training must culminate in a certification from an internationally recognized diver-training agency.

There are a number of sponsors and different eligibility criteria. The WDHOF Scholarship Committee will select the sponsor and award based on applicant eligibility criteria and reviewer recommendations.

- Ella Jean Morgan Memorial Dive Training Grant for Young Women: 1 award for a young woman, age 15-21, who wishes to learn to dive
  - *Sponsored by* Frank Boulanger, in memory of his wife and WDHOF Member Ella Jean Morgan.
- Ocean Wishes Basic Dive Training Grant for Women of Any Age: 1 award for a woman of any age and background who wishes to learn to dive through a PADI scuba certification course
  - Training sponsored by Ocean Wishes (WDHOF Member Margo Peyton)
  - Dive equipment sponsored by donations to WDHOF
- Zale and Saxon Memorial Basic Dive Training Grant:

  1 award for a young woman or man (under 21 years of age) who wishes to learn to dive and who lacks the financial means to afford it
  - Sponsored by the Friends of WDHOF Member <u>Evelyn Dudas</u> and Suzie Dudas
- SDI Basic Dive Training Grant: 1 award for a woman of any age and background who wishes to learn to dive
  - Training must be through an SDI facility.
  - Sponsored by <u>SDI</u> and WDHOF Member <u>Stephanie Miele</u>

- WDHOF Member-Sponsored Basic Dive Training Grant:

   award for a woman of any age and background who wishes to learn to dive
  - Sponsored by WDHOF Member Patti Gross
- Women Divers Hall of Fame Basic Dive Training Grants:
   2 awards for women of any age and background who wish to learn to dive
  - 1 award in memory of WDHOF Member <u>Dottie Frazier</u>
  - 1 award in memory of WDHOF Founder <u>Zig Zigahn</u> and WDHOF Member <u>JoAnn Zigahn</u>
  - Sponsored by donations to the Women Divers Hall of Fame Scholarship Fund
- Women's Scuba Association Dive Training Grant (women or men). Applicants must be enrolled in an ROTC or JROTC program, military academy, or be a Sea Cadet or Sea Scout. (Note: only 1 award will be made for either a basic or advanced dive training grant.)
  - Sponsored by Women's Scuba Association and WDHOF co-founder and Member Jennifer King
- Amelia Behrens-Furniss Memorial Hardhat Dive Training Grant (women only). Applicants must be enrolled in or attending a commercial dive school. The award is intended for the awardee to begin her training in hardhat diving. (Note: only 1 award will be made for either a basic or advanced dive training grant.)
  - Sponsored by Noel Furniss (grandson) in memory of WDHOF Member Amelia Behrens-Furniss
- Hugh Fletcher Memorial Dive Training Grant for Disabled Diver Training. Open to women or men who are disabled or to a Dive Master, Assistant Instructor, or Instructor. For disabled divers, the grant is intended to learn to dive. For instructors, the grant is intended to learn to assist or teach the disabled to dive. Equipment is restricted to adaptive dive equipment. (Note: only 1 award will be made for either a basic or advanced dive training grant.)
  - *Training sponsored by WDHOF* co-founder and Member <u>Kathy Weydig</u> and friends of Hugh Fletcher
  - Dive equipment sponsored by donations to WDHOF



# **Advanced Dive Training Grants: For Certified Divers**

Several advanced dive training grants *are* being offered to women or men divers of any age and background who wish to further their dive education through internationally-recognized scuba diving programs beyond the basic certification level. Applicants must be certified at the open-water diver level (or equivalent), or above, by an internationally-recognized dive certification agency. Dive training must culminate in a certification from an internationally recognized diver-training agency. The Technical Dive Training grant is offered through TDI, who will directly cover training costs with the TDI dive training facility.

# The grants are valued at \$1000 (\$1500 for photography):

- \$500 for dive training (however, the applicant may request the entire award amount--\$1000--for training)
- \$500 for dive gear (or the balance remaining after at least \$500 has been used for dive training)
- There are no restrictions on amounts for training and photography gear for the Advanced Diver - Photography Grant, valued at \$1500.

There are a number of sponsors and different eligibility criteria. The WDHOF Scholarship Committee will select the sponsor and award based on applicant eligibility criteria and reviewer recommendations.

# 7 advanced dive training grants are being offered in 5 categories (women or men):

- <u>Recreational</u>: to support dive training beyond open water diver level (or equivalent) for recreational/personal diving
  - 1 sponsored by Bonnie Toth Advertising & Design (WDHOF Member Bonnie Toth) (women only)
  - 1 sponsored by Friends of Suzie Dudas and WDHOF Member Evelyn Dudas, in memory of Zale and Saxon (women or men)
  - 1 sponsored by Ocean Wishes (WDHOF Member Margo Peyton) (training) and donations to WDHOF (dive gear)
- <u>Professional:</u> to advance diving skills beyond open water diver level (or equivalent) for the applicant's profession (women only)
  - Sponsored by donations to the WDHOF Scholarship Program
- <u>Technical:</u> to support advanced dive training beyond open water diver level (or equivalent) for technical diving applications (e.g., mixed gas, rebreather, cave diving, etc.) (women only). Dive training must be at a TDI facility.
  - Sponsored by <u>TDI</u> (WDHOF Member <u>Stephanie Miele</u>)

- <u>Scientific:</u> to support advanced dive training beyond open water diver level (or equivalent) for scientific diving applications (women only)
  - Sponsored by Blue Green Expeditions (WDHOF Member Faith Ortins
- <u>Photography:</u> to take courses to learn or improve skills in underwater photography (women only)
  - Sponsored by Rosemary Kurtii, in memory of Jim Leffard

In addition, 3 dive training grants (\$1,000 each) will be offered for either basic or advanced dive training:

- Women's Scuba Association Dive Training Grant (women or men). Applicants must be enrolled in an ROTC or JROTC program, military academy, or be a Sea Cadet or Sea Scout. (Note: only 1 award will be made for either a basic or advanced dive training grant.)
  - **Sponsored by** Women's Scuba Association and WDHOF co-founder and Member Jennifer King
- Amelia Behrens-Furniss Memorial Hardhat Dive Training Grant (women only). Applicants must be enrolled in or attending a commercial dive school. The award is intended for the awardee to advance her training in hardhat diving. (Note: only 1 award will be made for either a basic or advanced dive training grant.)
  - *Sponsored by* Noel Furniss (grandson) in memory of WDHOF Member <u>Amelia Behrens-Furniss</u>
- Hugh Fletcher Memorial Dive Training Grant for
  Disabled Diver Training. Open to women or men who
  are disabled or to a Dive Master, Assistant Instructor, or
  Instructor. For disabled divers, the grant is intended to
  advance dive skills. For instructors, the grant is intended
  to advance skills to assist or teach the disabled to
  dive. Equipment is restricted to adaptive dive equipment.
  (Note: only 1 award will be made for either a basic or
  advanced dive training grant.)
  - Training sponsored by WDHOF co-founder and Member <u>Kathy Weydig</u> and friends of Hugh Fletcher
  - Dive equipment sponsored by donations to WDHOF



# SPECIALTY DIVE TRAINING GRANTS

# Instructor Advanced Education Training Grant (women only)

One \$2,000 grant is open to women who are certified scuba diving instructors and have trained and certified a minimum of 25 open water divers. The purpose of the grant is to encourage instructors to expand their own underwater-related skills by taking additional training leading to certification to teach dive specialty courses, or become certified as an instructor in a diving education, skill-associated field such as CPR, O2, AED, First Aid, or earn a certificate in an industry-associated field such as chamber operation or equipment repair. The grant is not limited to these examples. Other courses that are postinstructor certification that improve or expand the instructor's dive training safety or skills will be considered. The grant may be used for single or multiple course fees and equipment needed for specialized diving or to teach the learned skill/specialty. The award may not be used for travel expenses. A report detailing how the grant was used to increase and apply new skills is required.

• Sponsored by WDHOF Member Jeanne Bear Sleeper

# **Diver Medical Education Grants**

(women or men)

Five training grants will be awarded to qualified women or men. No funds will be awarded; training is provided directly by the Diver Medic.

- Two grants (valued at £1000 each) will be awarded for Diver Medical Training to qualified women or men in the UK and Europe areas. Applicants must be over the age of 18, have at least the recreational diver certification or equivalent, and should hold a current EFR/BLS/First Aid certification. The grants cover full Diver Medical theory and Practical training (approximately 70 hours); please refer to the Diver Medic website (https://www.thedivermedic.com/newpage) for more details. The student will be responsible for arranging and paying for his/her own transport, accommodation and other expenses to the training locations. On successful completion, the student will receive a certificate and certification card.
- 3 grants (valued at \$500 each) for EFR Approved Diving Emergency Medical Responder Courses will be awarded to women or men in the USA or Canada. For more details of the online courses, please check the Diver Medic website (https://www.thedivermedic.com/newpage). On successful completion, the student will receive a certificate and certification card.
  - *Sponsored by* the <u>Diver Medic</u> / WDHOF Member Chantelle Newman

Please direct any questions about the WDHOF Scholarship and Grant application process to the WDHOF Scholarship Committee.

The Women Divers Hall of Fame (WDHOF®) is an international non-profit professional honor society whose member contributions span a wide variety of fields including: The Arts, Science, Medicine, Sports, Exploration, Underwater Archaeology, Media, Service, Dive Training and Education, Safety, Business, Marine Environment and Conservation, Free Diving, Commercial Diving, and Military Diving.

### **MISSION**

Women Divers Hall of Fame two part mission includes:

- Recognize women divers who have made outstanding contributions to the exploration, understanding, safety and enjoyment of our underwater world and
- Support the underwater world and its associated careers by promoting opportunities for women and men in diving through scholarships, training grants and mentorship opportunities and a worldwide network of industry contacts.

## **SCHOLARSHIPS AND TRAINING GRANTS**

Scholarships and training grants are awarded yearly. Scholarships range from Underwater Archaeology, Journalism, Graphic Arts, or Photography; Marine Conservation; Undergraduate Marine Research Internship in Marine Biology. Training grants to Assist the Disabled to Dive; Basic and Advanced Dive Training; Certified Hyperbaric Technician; Marine Science, Dive Medicine, and Public Safety Diver.

To learn more about Women Divers Hall of Fame, visit www.wdhof.org