

Jessica Hill Memorial Marine Biology Scholarship

Award Guidelines

Jessica E. Hill graduated from the University of West Alabama in 1995 with a Bachelor of Science in Marine Biology. She went on to receive a Masters degree in Marine Science from the University of South Alabama. After graduation, Jessica attended the U.S. Navy's diving school and became a scientific diver with the U.S. Coast Guard. Tragically, Lieutenant Hill died in August of 2006 during a training dive in the Arctic Ocean.

The Jessica Hill Memorial Marine Biology Scholarship was created in memory of Lt. Hill to promote the education of deserving fulltime undergraduate students pursuing a degree in Marine Biology in the College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics at the University of West Alabama. The primary goal of the Hill Scholarship is to help defray the cost of attendance during the summer programs at Dauphin Island Sea Lab (DISL).

Total scholarship availability annually is \$1000.00. This may be presented to one student, or divided into two \$500 scholarships. Scholarships will be awarded at the spring meeting of the University of West Alabama Board of Trustees.

Eligibility

Full-time undergraduate students enrolled in the Marine Biology major at UWA. Preference is given to students preparing to attend classes at DISL during the summer semester.

Criteria

Awards will be based primarily on academic aptitude and performance, with consideration of the financial need of the applicant.

Application

Prospects should submit an application package containing:

1. A two-page narrative describing relevant academic experiences and future career goals, as well as an explanation of financial need.
2. Two letters of recommendation from professors familiar with their academic work.

All application material should be submitted to:

Jessica Hill Memorial Scholarship
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