

OSG Malouf Marine Studies Scholarship Review Criteria Matrix

Criteria	Importance	Screening Criteria	Where to assess	% in Application review	Location in Application
Communication skills: ability to articulate ideas smoothly and without grammatical errors, both written and oral	The goal of the Malouf scholarship is to support student efforts in marine-related fields whose studies focus on applied research, education, outreach, and broader public engagement with Oregon coastal communities. Effective outreach and engagement requires strong communications skills.	Written communication skills are demonstrated by a lack of grammatical errors or typos, effectively making their point(s), ideas flowing smoothly, addressing all questions asked in the request for application, and clearly articulating their responses. Oral communication skills include: applicant answered the questions asked; they recognized opinions might be at odds with interviewers'; they communicate clearly; the scope of their answers is appropriate to the question asked; and they showed an appropriate level of confidence in interactions.	Application (written) & Interview (oral)	10	Essay Resume
Benefit of the scholarship to applicant's long term goals	In seeking to develop a diverse ocean workforce, we recognize that our scholarship opportunities should not be biased towards those students that have already had similar opportunities, but should help any qualified applicants reach their long term goals.	Applicants should clearly describe how this scholarship opportunity will substantially and uniquely benefit them and help them achieve their goals, for example, what new skills and experiences will the applicant gain by participating in this program? In addition, their long-term goals should align with the mission** of OSG.	Application & Interview	10	Essay LOR^
Experience with people from diverse* backgrounds	Successful scholars often work with diverse communities and groups through their research and related activities and often deal with contentious issues. Diverse perspectives also contribute fresh ideas to a dominant culture field.	In the personal statement, applicants should specifically address their past experiences with diverse groups and clearly outline how their experiences will inform their research/ outreach/ public engagement efforts. Experiences communicated should be genuine and can include study abroad, volunteer opportunities, work experiences, lived experiences, etc.	Application & Interview	15	Essay LOR Resume
Research topic: Societally relevant applied research/scholarship - focuses on OR coast communities or ecosystems	This scholarship supports students engaged in research that is relevant to Oregon coastal communities that is typically applied rather than theoretical. The project should result in new tools, methods, and/or knowledge that will contribute to solving a current marine/coastal issue in Oregon.	In the personal statement, applicants should clearly describe their research and it's relevance to Oregon coastal communities, articulating the credibility of the work, its legitimacy (incorporates the values and perspective of relevant communities and individuals), and the timeliness of the research. The OSG Societal Relevance Rubric can be viewed for more detail- https://beav.es/inL	Application & Interview	15	Essay Resume LOR
How and who research engages - education and engagement is included in project	The Malouf Scholarship is awarded graduate students who combine societally relevant research with education or public engagement.	In the personal statement, applicant should clearly define the interested parties associated with the research and how the scholar plans to engage them throughout the project and/or provide project output to them through a relevant platform(s). The OSG O&E Guidance can be viewed for more detail- https://beav.es/inu .	Application & Interview	15	Resume Essay LOR
Academic achievement: GPA and relevance of educational background and coursework to coastal/marine/education/natural resource or related fields	Scholars must have a thorough knowledge of their field of study. Scholars must also be motivated and have time management skills to succeed as a student and as an OSG Scholar.	A high GPA or demonstrations of improvement over time will show the applicant likely is organized, dedicated, and understands their field of study. Coursework in marine/coastal policy or related fields demonstrates knowledge of the content area and is an indicator of potential success as a scholar.	Application	15	Transcript Resume
Letters of recommendation	Scholars typically work directly under an academic advisor toward the completion of their research, and therefore should have positive past relationships with supervisors/professors to demonstrate potential success as a scholar. Additional knowledge regarding the applicant's skills, experience, and work ethic can be gleaned from letters of recommendation.	Letters of recommendation should show that the letter writer knows the student well, confirms their competence, and builds on the applicant's credibility and desire for the position.	Application	20	LOR

*Diversity refers to persons from various cultural, ethnic, and socioeconomic backgrounds that contribute a diverse perspective stemming from

**OSG Mission = Oregon Sea Grant is a catalyst that promotes discovery, understanding, and resilience for Oregon coastal communities and

^ LOR = Letters of Recommendation