



Thank you for your recent Eastern Surfing Association Marsh Scholarship Program inquiry. Enclosed you will find general information, qualification criteria, an application and details on additional items that must be submitted to be considered for a Marsh Scholarship Grant.

The Marsh Scholarship Fund, the largest and longest running scholarship program in the U.S. surfing community, annually awards approximately \$8,000.00 in financial aid to ESA surfers. The ESA Marsh Scholarship grants are awarded to ESA current members in good standing on the basis of academics and U.S. citizenship rather than athletic ability and the East Coast Scholastic grants are awarded based on results of the East Coast Scholastic Surfing Championships.

We look forward to receiving your application for an ESA Marsh Scholarship and other required materials. If you have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me via email at centralhq@surfesa.org.

Sincerely,

Debbie Hodges

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Executive Director
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MARSH SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM AWARD GUIDELINES

PURPOSE: The Marsh Scholarship Program began when it was instituted in 1981 by former ESA Executive Director Dr. Colin J. Couture to recognize and honor the accomplishments of the Marsh Family of North Carolina and young Mike Marsh in particular. Led by his legendary East Coast family and surfing's highly respected matriarch, Bette Marsh, Mike set a pioneering example for students everywhere by earning his law degree while simultaneously and successfully waging his own personal battle with cancer. The purpose of the program is to offer financial aid to deserving ESA student surfers wishing to continue their education beyond secondary school level. The grants are awarded to ESA members on the basis of academics and U.S. citizenship, rather than athletic ability.

APPLICANTS MUST SATISFY THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA:

1. You must be an Eastern Surfing Association current member in good standing.
2. When filling out the application, print in ink or submit typewritten (preferred).
3. *No* application will be considered without an official school transcript. You should request your school(s) to send an official transcript(s) to the address below.
4. Submit a letter of recommendation along with your application. The letter should be from someone who is *not* a member of your family.
5. Submit a short, (no more than 500 words) typewritten letter addressed to the Marsh Scholarship Committee detailing your future goals and how your choice of educational institutions will help you reach these goals.
6. Application and all other pertinent information must be returned to the Marsh Scholarship Committee by **May 15**.

The Marsh Application, along with the additional information you attach, will be used to determine your eligibility for an ESA Marsh Scholarship Grant. To this end, you are advised to follow the directions above very carefully and submit all items required completely.

Mail all of the above required information to:

**ESA Marsh Scholarship Program
11 Long Point Road
Stony Creek, CT 06405**

The Marsh Scholarship Committee will make a determination for awards no later than June 30 and recipients will be notified by July 10.

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Please list all school clubs, service organizations, sports, etc.

OUT OF SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Please list all non-school clubs, service organizations, sports, volunteer work, etc.

I hereby affirm that all of the information provided on this application and included with this application are correct and that the ESA Marsh Scholarship Program Committee may attempt to verify accuracies.

_____ Applicant Signature _____ Date _____

_____ Advisor/Guidance Counselor Signature _____ Date _____