**GULF COAST SHELL CLUB**

Panama City, Florida

2016-2017 Scholarship Announcement

The Gulf Coast Shell Club is a non-profit organization dedicated to the advancement of the studies of malacology and conchology. Established in 1980, it has an ongoing commitment to educating the public and the conservation and preservation of mollusks (terrestrial, fresh water and marine) and their habitats.

Beginning in 2014 the club has been able to provide scholarships for undergraduate students (Sophomores to Seniors) studying marine biology and graduate students whose course work includes some aspect of malacology. Our 2015 awards (granted for the 2015-2016 school year) total $1500 given in $500 increments. The funds may be used for tuition, books and supplies, fees, or any other legitimate college expense.

Awardees will incur an obligation to either present a program at one of the GCSC monthly meetings or to provide a written article for our newsletter. Reports, studies, or other material prepared as part of the student’s coursework may be used for this purpose.

We request that you give appropriate dissemination of this offer to your faculty and student body. If you have questions or need further information please feel free to contact me at the above email, by mail at 2511 Parkwood Drive, Panama City, FL 32405, or at 850.215.2086.

Jim Brunner

Scholarship Chair

Gulf Coast Shell Club

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**SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM**

**APPLICANT:**

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**SUMMER ADDRESS:** (If different)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**ACADEMIC INFORMATION**

**AREA OF STUDY:** (Undergraduate: declared or anticipated major) (Graduate: specific program, identified research, or thesis).

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**CUMULATIVE GPA AT END OF THE MOST RECENT SEMESTER: \_\_\_\_**

Being as specific as possible indicate how this scholarship will assist you in your academic endeavors. If an undergraduate explain how these funds will assist you and why they are needed to obtain your academic goals. If a graduate student explain how the funds will be used in your research. You may attach additional sheets as needed but limit your response to 1000 words or less.

I understand and agree that upon being awarded this scholarship I am obligated to present a program to the GCSC or to provide an article for their newsletter.

Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date\_\_\_\_\_\_

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Applications must be submitted in hard copy form (no email or fax) and mailed to: Scholarship Committee, 2511 Parkwood Drive, Panama City, FL 32405. Applications will be accepted until 4 April 2016. The committee’s decisions will be announced on 30 April 2016. All applicants will receive an email detailing their status. Awardees will also receive a written letter of congratulations containing further instructions.