REQUEST FOR GRANT PROPOSALS - 2011

Under the terms of the will of Ethel M. Myers, a Trust has been established to award grants for the enhancement of studies in the marine sciences, including conservation and science education. The target awardees are Master's Degree and Ph.D. candidates, or other persons deemed worthy by the Trustees. Limited consideration may be given to undergraduates. Post Doctoral researchers will not be considered.

All awards shall be made without the obligation of repayment. The average award is approximately $1000-$2000 depending in part on the number of proposals funded and the income available to the Trust. Students will only be funded once for a given degree.

How to Apply:

Submit FOUR complete copies of a proposal together with FOUR copies of a letter of recommendation from at least one advisory professor or recognized professional in your field postmarked by March 30 to the above address. Applicants will be notified of a decision by May 10. Proposals must include a title page that includes your name, title of research, name of institution, faculty adviser, level of degree, mailing address, and e-mail address. Proposals without a title page will not be considered.

Considerations:

1. Priority will be given to students attending institutions located in or near the Monterey Bay area.
2. Proposals on either field or laboratory studies will be considered.
3. No restrictions will be placed on the geographic location of the research. However, we especially favor ecological, behavioral or natural history studies of species occurring in the Monterey Bay area.
4. We are reluctant to fund travel/accommodations or publication costs.
5. Federal tax laws prohibit funding for stipends or tuition.
6. Minority students are encouraged to apply.

Guidelines:

1. In an introductory paragraph, state the project's major objectives and methods of analysis, including information on the primary objectives and scope of
the project, techniques to be used, findings expected and the significance of these findings.

2. Give a more detailed account (not to exceed three double-spaced, typewritten pages) expanding the information in the introductory paragraph. Your introduction and literature cited sections need not be considered as part of these three pages. Literature should include the complete citation together with the title of the article.

3. Include a financial sheet explaining all expected costs of the research, how you hope to raise the funds, funding already received, and how you intend to use the grant if your application is successful.

4. We are reluctant to consider personal professional expenses, binoculars, SCUBA gear, computers, unless well justified. Things of this nature must be left at your laboratory when you graduate.

5. Include a recent photograph of yourself.