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## Applications Open for Marine Science Educational Advancement Scholarship

Empowering Tomorrow's Marine Science Leaders through Educational Opportunities

Florida Keys – United Way of Collier and the Keys (UWCK) is thrilled to announce the opening of applications for its Marine Science Educational Advancement Scholarship. This initiative is designed to support Monroe County residents who are pursuing degrees in marine science and/or marine technology-related fields. Now entering its third year, this scholarship program reflects UWCK's unwavering commitment to sustainability, ensuring that educational opportunities are intricately linked with conservation efforts in the Florida Keys.



In the 2023-2024 academic year, UWCK awarded scholarships to 4 deserving recipients, and 10 to date, underscoring its dedication to fostering education and environmental stewardship. Now, UWCK invites new applicants to participate in this transformative opportunity, starting today through April 17.

A dedicated Scholarship Committee will review applications, considering factors such as educational achievements, career aspirations, involvement in school activities, references, and financial need. Recipients will

have the chance to reapply annually as they progress in their educational journey.

Through this initiative, UWCK aims to not only support educational pursuits but also to bolster local employment opportunities in marine science, contributing to the ongoing reef restoration efforts, including NOAA's Mission: Iconic Reefs.

"United Way of Collier and the Keys is thrilled to offer this scholarship program, empowering residents to pursue their passion for marine science while contributing to the preservation of our precious marine ecosystems," said Jessica Dockery, Reef Revitalization Project Liaison at United Way of Collier and the Keys.

For more information about the Marine Science Educational Advancement Scholarship, to apply, or for any questions, please visit <a href="https://uwcollierkeys.org/marine-science-scholarship/">https://uwcollierkeys.org/marine-science-scholarship/</a> or contact Jessica Dockery at <a href="mailto:jessica.dockery@uwcollierkeys.org">jessica.dockery@uwcollierkeys.org</a> uncollierkeys.org

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## About United Way of Collier and the Keys:

United Way of Collier and the Keys (UWCK) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to improving the education, health, and economic mobility of our neighbors in Collier and Monroe Counties. Through strategic partnerships and collaborative efforts, UWCK addresses critical social issues and works towards driving positive, sustainable change to build stronger, healthier, and more resilient communities.

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