



Z Scholarships

Eligibility and Application Criteria

1. Applicants must be nationals and living full time in eligible countries below: All MAR Countries: Belize, Honduras, Mexico, Panama
2. High school or undergraduate transcripts demonstrating documented grade point average higher than 3.2 / 80% / B in the year prior to the application.
3. Choice of courses that align with the scholarship focus that include:
 - Marine or oceanographic sciences
 - Fisheries and fisheries management
 - Wildlife sciences with a focus on marine wildlife / fish
 - Natural resource management with a focus on marine courses
 - Marine protected areas management
 - Marine policy or marine finance
4. A one (1) page Curriculum Vitae / Resume
5. Be 30 years old or younger by September 2026
6. For countries in Central America, Mexico, documentation that you or your parent is a bonafide traditional fisher with at least 5 years fishing. This should include a copy of the fishing license and identification and a letter of recognition from an associated cooperative, fisheries department, justice of the peace with clearly stated contact information.
7. Two references: 1) from one of your teachers and 2) from an employer or from a peer that speaks to your character (someone who is not family and has known you for at least 3 years). Please upload as one PDF.
8. A short video in your native language of 2 minutes or less (videos over 2 minutes will not be considered) telling us who you are, why you are keen to pursue a career in marine science or the marine conservation sector, how you plan to give back to the sea and why you need a Z Scholarship.

Additional Qualities:

We seek many of the following qualities and outputs in the Z Scholarship candidates:

- Curious
- Good communicator and speaker
- Kind, supportive, community-minded and diplomatic
- Committed, hardworking & self-starting
- Passionate about marine science and/or conservation (bonus if you love sharks & rays!) A compelling application and video