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The Marine Aquarium Societies of North America (MASNA) is proud to announce the 2016 - 2017 MASNA Student Scholarships.

MASNA is a non-profit organization composed of marine aquarium societies and individual hobbyists from North America and abroad, totaling several thousand individuals.

MASNA's goals are to:

- Educate our members with online and published material, the MACNA conference, and other sanctioned events.
- Assist in forming and promoting the growth of clubs within the hobby while ensuring a sustainable future for the marine environment.
- Support the efforts to eliminate abuses in collecting and transporting marine organisms through education, assistance and encouragement.
- Encourage the ethical growth of the marine aquarium hobby and support captive breeding/propagation efforts.

To further the goals of MASNA, MASNA offers the MASNA Student Scholarship program to help stimulate and promote the pursuit of marine science, in particular for topics that are current and relevant to the marine aquarium hobby.

This year there are two scholarships available; one \$4,000 scholarship for a college undergraduate student and one \$4,000 scholarship for a college graduate student. The 2016 - 2017 MASNA Student scholarships are made possible by our generous sponsors Doctors Foster and Smith LiveAquaria.com, Ecotech Marine, and MASNA.

This is the 8th year for the MASNA Student Scholarship Program. In total, the MASNA Student Scholarship program has contributed \$40,000 to college students who have significantly impacted the marine aquarium hobby.

For information on eligibility criteria and application instructions, please visit the MASNA Student Scholarship webpage at: <http://masna.org/masna-programs/scholarship-program/>

The 2016 – 2017 MASNA Student Scholarships will be publicly awarded to the recipients at the 28th annual Marine Aquarium Conference of North America (MACNA) in San Diego, California on September 9 – 11th. Funding is available to assist each of the chosen applicants in attending MACNA.

If the applicants have any questions, please refer to the FAQ section of the MASNA Scholarship webpage. If the applicants cannot find the answers they are seeking there, they can direct their questions about the MASNA Student Scholarships to the scholarship committee co-chairs at: Scholarship@MASNA.org

The deadline for submission is June 17, 2016 by midnight of the submitting applicant's time zone.

Additional information about MASNA can be found here:

<http://masna.org/aboutus/>

Additional information about MACNA 2016 can be found here:

<http://macnaconference.org/2016/>

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