



## **Shimano-CCA National Marine Science Scholarship Application** **(\$2500/semester for 2 years)**

Shimano and the Coastal Conservation Association (CCA) have partnered to fund scholarships for two dedicated students committed to advancing their education in marine fisheries conservation at the Harte Research Institute (HRI) at Texas A&M University – Corpus Christi. Preference will be given to those applicants whose research will contribute to the understanding of Gulf of Mexico marine fisheries and management and those that have a passion for recreational fishing that are in line with the missions of Shimano, CCA, and HRI.

### **Student Selection Criteria**

1. Must be a full-time student in good standing with a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher.
2. Applicant must be a permanent resident or citizen of the United States.
3. Student's research should contribute to the understanding of marine fisheries science and management in the Gulf of Mexico region with an emphasis on recreational fishing.
4. Selection of the recipient shall consider not only financial need, academic record, but also personal background and description of interests, hobbies, and references.

### **Student Deliverables**

#### **A. *Statement of Purpose:***

In 800 words or less describe the significance of your research, fisheries career plans, personal hobbies, and provide an explanation of how your work will benefit the missions of Shimano and the Coastal Conservation Association. Briefly describe your current research and any plans to disseminate your results through presentations or publications (a formal research prospectus or summary will also be included in the application). Explain how this scholarship will help you achieve your educational objectives. Include any other details you would like to share in helping the Scholarship Committee make a decision.

#### **B. *Include the following:***

1. Signed and completed copy of this application page.
2. Copy of official or unofficial graduate transcripts.
3. A brief (2 pg, single-spaced or less) summary of your thesis or dissertation research project. If official proposal is already completed, attach that in place of summary.
4. Copy of resumé and/or curriculum vitae.

#### **C. *References:***

Applicants will include names and contact information for 3 references.

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                    Last                    First                    Middle

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
                    No. and Street                                    City                    State                    Zip

Phone#: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Texas resident? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

US Citizen or Permanent Resident? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

(Please use additional pages as necessary for elaborating on any of the following items)

Do you fish recreationally? If so, how long have you been fishing? \_\_\_\_\_

What are your favorite species to target? \_\_\_\_\_

Explain the role recreational fishing plays in the conservation of your favorite target-species:

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All applications, including supporting materials, must be received by **5 PM on August 15, 2018** and **MUST** be submitted electronically as a single PDF file to:

[HRI@tamucc.edu](mailto:HRI@tamucc.edu)

Harte Research Institute  
Shimano/CCA National Marine Science Scholarship Committee