THE OCEAN FOUNDATION

BOYD N. LYON SCHOLARSHIP

GUIDELINES & INSTRUCTIONS

The Ocean Foundation and The Boyd Lyon Sea Turtle Fund seek applicants for the Boyd N. Lyon Scholarship, for the year 2027. This Scholarship was created in honor of the late Boyd N. Lyon, a true friend and respected researcher who had a unique passion for the study and preservation of the majestic sea turtle. In his effort to research and protect these creatures, he implemented a hand capturing method for tagging and studying turtles without using nets. This method, while not commonly used by other researchers, was the one Boyd preferred, since it enabled the capture of the rarely studied male sea turtles.

Applications are invited from Masters and PhD level students that work and/or research in an area consistent with the Boyd Lyon Sea Turtle Fund's mission to support field research projects that further our knowledge of sea turtle behavior and habitat use in the marine environment, as well as those projects that promote their management and conservation in coastal ecosystems. Applications to be considered must address questions from a wide range of fields in sea turtle research and conservation including, but not limited to life history studies, oceanography, marine affairs, environmental sciences, public policy, community planning and natural resources. One merit-based award of $3,000 will be made annually to a student at the Masters or PhD. level, based upon available funds.

Eligibility Criteria:

A. Be a student enrolled in an accredited College or University (in the US or internationally) during the 2026/2027 academic year. Graduate students (minimum 9 credits completed) are eligible. Both full and part time students are welcome to apply.
B. Clearly demonstrate interest in enhancing our understanding of sea turtle behavior and conservation, habitat needs, abundance, spatial and temporal distribution, as well as contribution(s) to advancing the public interest in such issues, as evidenced by both of the following.
   1. A major field of study pertaining to oceanography, marine affairs, environmental sciences, public policy, community planning or natural resources.
   2. Participation in cooperative or independent research, environmental activities or work experience related to the above mentioned disciplines.

Recipient responsibilities:

- Write a letter to The Ocean Foundation Board of Directors explaining how this scholarship assisted your professional / personal growth; and document how the funds were utilized.
- Have your "Profile" (an article about you and your studies/research etc. as it pertains to sea turtles) published on the Ocean Foundation/Boyd Lyon Sea Turtle Fund website.
- Acknowledge The Ocean Foundation/ Boyd Lyon Sea Turtle Fund in any publication(s) or presentations that may result from research that the scholarship assisted in funding, and provide a copy of said article(s) to The Ocean Foundation.

The Ocean Foundation is a 501(c)3 nonprofit public foundation and is the host of the Boyd Lyon Sea Turtle Fund dedicated to the those projects that enhance our understanding of sea turtle behavior and conservation, habitat needs, abundance, spatial and temporal distribution, and research diving safety.
For more information about **The Ocean Foundation**, please see **www.oceanfdn.org**
For more information about the **Boyd Lyon Sea Turtle Fund**, please see **www.boydlyonseaturtlefund.org**
Questions regarding the **Boyd N. Lyon Scholarship** should be addressed to **grants@oceanfdn.org**

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Boyd N. Lyon Scholarship Application Form

Name: _____

Affiliation: _____

E-mail address: _____

Mailing address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip Code: _____ Country:_____

Telephone number(s):_____

Class standing in 2026/2027 academic year __ Masters __ PhD.

Major area of study: _____

Names of references: Sponsor _____ Other _____

Where did you hear about the Boyd N. Lyon Scholarship? _____

I certify that I meet the application qualifications for The Boyd N. Lyon Scholarship as described in the guidelines. Included with or following this application are 2 letters of reference.

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Signature Date

Include in your application:

A. A **completed application form** (above), and a copy of your resume or CV

B. A **research proposal** (max 3 pages single spaced 12 pt. font). In your proposal please include the following: Submit project description and budget proposal with application :

1. A project description stating the background of the particular research question being addressed, the goals of your research, methodologies pertaining to your research (please include proper safe capture and handling protocols into the methodology where relevant), expected outcomes, and plans for how results will be disseminated.
2. A brief (1 paragraph) personal statement describing your career goals as they pertain to marine environment issues.
3. A budget describing specifically how the $3,000 will be used to support your research.

C. **2 letters of reference**; one from a sponsoring faculty member

Completed application materials must be received by 15 January 2027, 11:59pm PT.
Please submit applications electronically to **grants@oceanfdn.org**
Award announcement will be made by April 15, 2027.