

Application Procedure

Admission Criteria for SEA High School Summer Seminars

Science at SEA (SAS) – Apply to SEA

Open to high school students who have completed their freshman, sophomore, or junior years and have successfully completed at least one high school level science and one high school level mathematics course. Apply directly to SEA.

Oceanography of the Gulf of Maine (OGM) – Apply to Shoals Marine Laboratory

Open to high school students, minimum age 15, who have completed their sophomore, junior, or senior years and have successfully completed two high school college preparatory science courses. 2 credits offered by Cornell University. Apply at www.sml.cornell.edu/sml_cc_ogm2.html.

Oceanography of the Southern California Bight (OSCB) – Apply to SEA

Open to high school students, minimum age 15, who have completed their sophomore, junior or senior years and have participated in a rigorous academic curriculum successfully completing one high school college preparatory science course. 2 credits offered by the University of Southern California. Apply directly to SEA.

A Complete Application to SAS or OSCB Includes:

- Completed application form, online or paper
- \$25 application fee made payable to “Sea Education Association” (please write student’s name and “HS Program” on the check)
- Application essays (200-word minimum for each)
- Official high school transcript. A faxed copy directly from the school is acceptable.
- Reference form completed by a science teacher who has taught the student during the last year.

The Application Process (SAS or OSCB)

Applicants may submit the separate application pieces at different times. An acknowledgement letter will be mailed upon receipt of the first piece. In order to ensure prompt review, please list the student’s name and the program(s) to which he/she is applying on each application item. It is the student’s responsibility to be sure the application is complete and ready for review. Applicants may follow up with the SEA Admission Office at any time to check on their status.

The Application Review (SAS or OSCB)

SEA admits students on a rolling admissions basis. The review process for complete applications is completed on a weekly basis and continues until the programs are filled. Please contact the SEA Admission Office to inquire about space availability.

SEA Admission Contact Information (SAS or OSCB): 800.552.3633 ext. 770 or admission@sea.edu

Shoals Marine Lab Contact Information (OGM): 607.255.3717 or shoals-lab@cornell.edu

Expenses and Financial Assistance

Program Expenses (Includes room, board, tuition, lab and book fee)

Science at SEA	\$3,690.00
Oceanography of the Gulf of Maine	\$4,990.00*
Oceanography of the Southern California Bight	\$4,990.00

**Payment instructions for OGM will be sent with acceptance packets from Shoals Marine Laboratory.*

SEA Need-Based Financial Assistance

Applying for financial assistance will not affect your chances for admission. A limited number of need-based scholarships are available.** To apply for a need-based scholarship, send the following to:

SEA
Attn: Financial Aid
P.O. Box 6
Woods Hole, MA 02543

- A letter explaining your family's financial situation. Include the number of children in college or private schools; special circumstances such as high medical bills or unemployment; or other pertinent information. Also include the amount that you and your family can contribute toward the program cost.
- Your supporting parent's 2008 Federal Tax Return. Use the 2007 tax return if the 2008 is unavailable.
- Financial aid materials must be submitted prior to our making financial assistance decisions.

Awards are determined after acceptance to the program; recipients will be notified by phone. No awards will be determined prior to January 31, 2009.

*** Shoals Marine Laboratory will award separate financial aid for the Shore Component of OGM. Contact SML for financial aid application instructions.*

Additional Assistance

In the past, students have obtained scholarships on their own. Check with local organizations such as the Rotary Club, Knights of Columbus, Garden Club, Audubon Society, the local public library, and your own high school.

Milton Academy Scholarship

The Roger Hallowell Scholarship is offered to one Milton Academy student each summer, designated to cover his/her "Program Expenses."

Contact: Mr. Tom Gagnon, Science Department, Milton Academy, 617.898.1798

Cape Cod Resident Scholarship

SEA scholarship offered to one student who is a year round resident of Cape Cod or the Islands, designated to cover his/her "Program Expenses."

Contact: Ms. Dale Dean, SEA Financial Aid Office, 800.552.3633 ext. 35

American Sail Training Association Scholarships

ASTA offers awards of varying amounts each year. To apply, students must first be accepted to an SEA High School Summer Seminar.

Contact: 401.846.1775 or apply on-line at www.tallships.sailtraining.org

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Application Form (SAS and OSCB Only)

Applicants to OGM should apply online at www.sml.cornell.edu/sml_cc_ogm2.html

Today's Date _____	Home Phone _____
Last Name _____	Cell Phone _____
First Name _____	Your E-mail Address _____
Middle Name _____	Name of High School _____
Nickname (prefer to be called) _____	City/State _____
Gender <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Male	Year of Graduation _____
Social Security # _____	Date of Birth _____
Home Address _____	Country _____
City/State/Zip _____	Citizenship <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. <input type="checkbox"/> Other
Country (if not USA) _____	Alien Status <input type="checkbox"/> Student Visa <input type="checkbox"/> Visa Type _____
Do you wish to be identified as a member of a particular ethnic or minority group? <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes (please specify) _____	

Application Essays

We're interested in seeing a sample of your writing and hearing from you directly about your expectations and preparation for this experience. Respond in a minimum of 200 words to **each** question as thoughtfully and specifically as possible. Please type, proofread, and identify your work by affixing your name to the top of each page.

1. Explain why you wish to participate in this program. How will you benefit from this experience? How will you contribute to the program?
2. Tell us about a community of which you are an active member. What do you give and take from this group of people?

Reference

List here the individual whom you have asked to complete a reference form on your behalf. It is preferable that this person is your current science teacher. You may submit more than one reference, especially if your strongest reference is not a science teacher.

(Name)	(Address)	(Phone)	(E-mail)
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Program Preference

Enter one program for each choice, but only if you are willing/able to participate in your second or third choice. (Choices: SAS Session I, II, III; OSCB)

First Choice _____ Second Choice _____ Third Choice _____

To apply for OGM, visit www.sml.cornell.edu/sml_cc_ogm2.html

Have you applied to an SEA Seminar in the past? Yes No
If so, what year? _____

Have you attended an SEA Seminar in the past? Yes No
If so, which program and what year? _____

Family Information

Please check the box next to the name of the person to whom official SEA correspondence should be sent.

<input type="checkbox"/> Father's name (or guardian) _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Mother's name (or guardian) _____
Home Address _____	Home Address _____
City/State/Zip _____	City/State/Zip _____
Job Title _____	Job Title _____
Organization/Employer Name _____	Organization/Employer Name _____
Business Address _____	Business Address _____
City/State/Zip _____	City/State/Zip _____
Home Phone _____	Home Phone _____
Business Phone _____	Business Phone _____
Cell Phone _____	Cell Phone _____
E-mail _____	E-mail _____

Are your parents Married Separated Divorced Father Deceased Mother Deceased

Who will assume financial responsibility for your SEA Program?

Name _____ Relationship to you _____

Financial Assistance

Applying for financial assistance will in no way affect your chances for admission.

In order to be considered for need-based financial assistance from SEA, check this box.

Yes, I am applying for financial assistance.

How did you first learn of the Sea Education Association (SEA) programs? _____

Name of person who referred you _____ Affiliation with SEA _____

*Please sign and date this application. This is an indication that all the information contained herein (application and essays) is factually correct and honestly presented by me, **the student**. By signing here, I also am verifying that I have read the entire SEA High School Summer Seminars catalog and I understand that this is an academic program.*

Student's Signature _____ Date _____

Parent or Guardian's Signature _____ Date _____

To complete your application submit via US Postal Service, email, Internet, or fax:

- \$25 application fee payable to "Sea Education Association" (Please write student's name and "HS Program" on the check.)
- Completed application including signatures
- Application essays (proofread)
- Current high school transcript
- Teacher reference

Admission Office/High School Programs
Sea Education Association (SEA)
PO Box 6
Woods Hole, MA 02543

Toll-free phone: 800.552.3633 ext. 770
Fax: 508.540.0558
Email: admission@sea.edu
www.sea.edu/academics/program_highschoolprograms.asp

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Teacher Reference Form

To the Applicant:

Give this form to the teacher listed on your application. Again, it is preferable that this person is your current science teacher.

Under the provisions of the Family Educational Rights of Privacy Act of 1974, you have the right to review your educational records. The Act provides that you may waive your right to see recommendations for admission. Indicate below by marking the appropriate box and signing your name whether or not you wish to waive this right.

- I waive any right of access that I may have to this recommendation form.
- I do not waive any right of access that I may have to this recommendation form.

Applicant's Name (Printed) _____

Applicant's Signature _____

**To the Teacher: Applications for admission will not be reviewed without a reference.
Your timely response is appreciated.**

The above-listed student has applied to one of Sea Education Association's (SEA's) High School Summer Seminars. Students sail on one of our sailing school research vessels: the SSV *Corwith Cramer* or the SSV *Robert C. Seamans*.

- **Science at SEA**, offered by Sea Education Association, is a 3-week program for rising high school sophomores, juniors and seniors. The program focuses on the marine environment from different perspectives: its scientific nature, its historical and literary significance, how we sail across it, what it is like to live and work at sea. This is an academic program complete with written assignments. Students are evaluated on achievement and effort.

- **Oceanography of the Southern California Bight** is co-sponsored by Sea Education Association in Woods Hole, Massachusetts and the University of Southern California's Wrigley Marine Institute. It is a 3-week program for rising high school juniors, seniors and college freshmen. Participants study oceanic and coastal marine environments. Students receive 2 undergraduate college credits from the University of Southern California upon successful completion.

(SEA also offers a third Summer Seminar in partnership with Cornell University for 2 college credits: *Oceanography of the Gulf of Maine*. Students apply directly through Shoals Marine Laboratory; therefore, no teacher reference is required by SEA.)

The applicant must be able to work productively in a uniquely structured theoretical and practical learning situation. Physically, the student will experience discomfort and fatigue; socially, s/he must be able to get along with others of varying backgrounds; emotionally, s/he must be willing to accept the discipline necessary for the effective operation of the sailing vessel with a group of 35 persons on the open ocean. Your thoughtful response to the questions on the following page will be most helpful.

1. Describe your student's effort in relation to his/her ability.

2. Describe the applicant's strengths, weaknesses, enthusiasms and dislikes.

3. Has the applicant demonstrated the ability to comply with discipline, authority and structure (necessary on board the vessel)? Please explain:

4. How does the applicant demonstrate his/her maturity and tolerance in relation with others? Please explain:

5. Would you foresee any problems if the applicant were to participate in this program? If so, what?

I recommend the above-named student for participation in the SEA High School Summer Seminar(s) to which s/he has applied. I have read the above descriptions and believe that this student has the academic ability and necessary level of maturity to meet the demands of the program.

Signature _____

Name & Position (print) _____

School Name _____ Street, City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Completed references may be:

Mailed to SEA, Admission Office/SEA High School Programs, PO Box 6, Woods Hole, MA 02543

E-mailed to admission@sea.edu

Faxed to 508.540.0558 "Attn: Admission Office/SEA High School Programs"

Thank you for completing this reference form on behalf of your student.

Would you like information about SEA? Yes No