

# NOAA's Ernest F. Hollings Undergraduate Scholarship

- **Purpose**
  - The Ernest F. Hollings Undergraduate Scholarship Program provides unique funding opportunities for highly motivated U.S. undergraduate students to train in oceanic and atmospheric science, research, technology, and education as well as multidisciplinary training opportunities. The program also increases public understanding and support for stewardship of the ocean and atmosphere-improving environmental literacy.
- **Eligibility Requirements**
  - Student must be a U.S. citizen at the time of application.
  - Student must be currently enrolled or accepted at an accredited college or university within the United States or U.S. territories as either:
    - A full-time 2<sup>nd</sup> year student in a four-year undergraduate program
    - A full-time 3<sup>rd</sup> year student in a five-year undergraduate program
    - A community college or transfer student who is applying to a four-year institution
      - Community college or transfer student must provide proof of application to a four-year institution when submitting their application for the scholarship.
      - If accepted for the Hollings Scholarship, student must submit proof of acceptance prior to starting the program.
  - Hollings Scholars must earn and maintain a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 each term, as well as an overall GPA of 3.0 in your major field of study
    - The GPA requirement applies throughout the period of undergraduate studies: prior to and at the time of application for a scholarship, for the period between application and award notification, and after award distribution.
  - Hollings Scholars must have and maintain a declared major in oceanic, environmental, biological, and atmospheric sciences, mathematics, engineering, remote sensing technology, computer and information science, physical and social sciences including geography, physics, hydrology, geomatics, or teacher education that support NOAA's programs and mission.
- **Selection Process**
  - Applications are reviewed and recipients will be notified by early April.
- **Application Process**
  - Students can expect the following requirements throughout the process:
    - Online application including an essay
    - Two letters of recommendation
    - Official transcript(s) (one for each institution attended)
  - Application available early September / Deadline mid to late January.
- **Campus Contact**
  - To apply, contact ECU Faculty Representative, Dr. Todd Fraley, at [fraleyt@ecu.edu](mailto:fraleyt@ecu.edu).
- **Website Link**
  - For more information, please visit <https://www.noaa.gov/office-education/hollings-scholarship>.
- **Recent ECU Recipients**
  - Thomas Vaughan – 2013
  - Chris Thaxton – 2014
  - Peyton Jackson – 2019



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