



MBRC Scholarship Criteria

Due Date: April 15, 2025

Contact/Submission:

Eligibility:

- **Academic Standing:** Applicants must maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.
- **Community Involvement:** Applicants should demonstrate a commitment to community service and volunteerism, particularly within the surfing community. Surfer needs to reside in the Manasquan School sending district but does not need to attend MHS. Applicant must have surfed in either Softboard Rodeo or Classic in the past 4 years
- **Graduating Seniors:** Applicants must be graduating and currently committed to a continuing education program.

Scholarship Essay Requirements:

Applicants must submit a 500-750 word essay addressing the following prompt:

- **Prompt:** "How has surfing positively impacted your life? Discuss specific instances where riding waves has shaped your character, values, or goals."

Essay Evaluation Criteria:

- **Personal Growth and Development:** How has surfing contributed to the applicant's personal growth, including character development, resilience, and problem-solving skills?
- **Community Impact:** How has surfing connected the applicant to the community, fostered friendships, and encouraged environmental stewardship?
- **Academic and Career Goals:** How has surfing influenced the applicant's academic and career aspirations, such as pursuing marine biology, environmental science, or related fields?
- **Writing Clarity and Organization:** The essay should be well-written, organized, and free of grammatical errors.

Selection Process:



A scholarship committee comprised of Manasquan Board Riders Club members and community leaders will review all eligible applications and essays. The committee will select the scholarship recipient(s) based on the following criteria:

- Academic achievement
- Community involvement
- Strength of the essay
- Overall impact of surfing on the applicant's life

The scholarship amount will be determined annually by the Manasquan Board Riders Club. By following these guidelines, the Manasquan Board Riders Club aims to recognize and reward students who embody the spirit of surfing and its positive impact on their lives.

Submissions to be emailed to:

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