

# THSOA Student Outreach & Recruiting Program: U.S. HYDRO 2019 Student Scholarships



## Introduction

Since 2003, the primary mission of THSOA's Student Outreach & Recruiting Program (SORP) has been to expand student awareness and increase student knowledge within the field of Hydrographic Science. The Program is established to guide students within various Earth, Marine and Geomatics related programs to Hydrography by exposing them to the various elements of our field, our industry mentors and corporate sponsors / recruiters. The overarching goal of the Program is to inspire and assist the next generation of passionate Hydrographers to ensure the long-term sustainability and advancement of our field.

As one part in achieving this goal, every two years the SORP selects a small group of qualified students from a variety of Earth, Marine and Geomatics related programs across the country that receive a scholarship to attend the U.S. HYDRO Conference and the various student programs offered during the 4-day event. Regardless of scholarship, all students are encouraged to attend, present, learn and get involved...!

## General Conference Program

Regardless of scholarship, students attending the conference can participate in the following programs:

- **Student Workshops & Presentations:** All students are introduced to the technical aspects and the various disciplines that make up and support the Hydrographic Industry through a variety of industry lead presentations.
- **Student – Mentor Reception:** Scholarship students are exposed to our conference mentors through a "speed dating" style format that allows an in-depth Q&A session with industry leaders.
- **On-Water Demonstrations:** All students get hands-on experience with the latest in hydrographic and mapping technology through industry lead demonstrations held at the conference.
- **Student Recruiting Lunch and / or Dinner:** All Graduating seniors and Scholarship students looking for employment or internship opportunities can meet industry groups looking to hire talented individuals. Those qualified and interested please indicate on the *Attending Students* form. Be sure to bring your CV.
- **Poster Session:** All Student are encouraged to expose conference attendees to their undergraduate research or masters level projects at the conference poster sessions.

## Scholarship Particulars

The following information briefly describes the requirements for the SORP Hydro Scholarship. Detailed instructions are included in the attached documents.

**What is Included:** Waiver of all registration fees including select workshops, round trip airfare, transportation and conference hotel, various meals and select evening activities

**Who can Apply:** Any undergraduate or masters-level student in an Earth, Marine or Geomatics related program in good standing with a minimum 3.0 GPA. Students **must** be a THSOA Student Member.

**Application Requirements:** Students must be organized with their submittal and follow all instructions or risk being disqualified. Students who meet the minimum qualifications must first be selected by their department and provide a recommendation letter from their main advisor.

## Students Planning to Attend

Students not yet qualified for the scholarship program are **highly** encouraged to attend and participate in the select Student programs and to network and learn from the technical sessions at the U.S. Hydro Conference. So that we know you are coming and to keep a basic level of information on students for future outreach efforts, please fill out the *U.S Hydro Attending Students* form at the bottom of the application. Forms are submitted with the subject line "*THSOA-SORP: Hydro Attending (Your Name)*" to [thsoa-sorp-students@thsoa.org](mailto:thsoa-sorp-students@thsoa.org). All attending students **must** have current THSOA Student Membership.

# THE HYDROGRAPHIC SOCIETY OF AMERICA

## Student Outreach & Recruiting Program



### 2019 U.S. Hydro Conference Scholarship Application

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### APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name:	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">Are you a U.S. Citizen or Permanent Resident? YES      NO <i>Must be U.S. Citizen or Permanent Resident to apply.</i></div>	Have you ever applied for a regional THSOA Chapter Scholarship? YES      NO	
Address:		If yes, which one?	
City:	State:	Zip Code:	Amount:
E-mail:	Cell Phone No:	Date:	

### COLLEGE / UNIVERSITY INFORMATION

#### Current or 1st College / University

Name:	Dept. / Program:	
Degree Completed or Seeking:	B.A.    B.S.    M.S.    Other:    Specify:	
Graduation Date:	Expected Grad. Date:	Current or Final GPA:

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Graduation Date:	Expected Grad. Date:	Current or Final GPA:

Please Describe any Extracurricular, Student / Volunteer or Work Related activities that you are involved in while seeking your Degree(s) (in bullet form):

### CERTIFICATION AND SIGNATURE

If awarded this scholarship, I understand the award will be used for the sole purpose of paying for expenses related to attending the U.S Hydro Conference. In addition, I certify that if under the age of 18, I will not participate in any under age drinking at said conference.

Applicant Signature:

Date:

## SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA AND AWARD PROCESS

- Scholarship is available to full-time (12 credits/semester) college students who are currently enrolled in an accredited two-year, four-year or a Masters-level Earth, Marine or Geomatics related program and demonstrates a keen interest in pursuing a career in the hydrographic sciences or related / supporting fields.
- Applicants must be a citizen or permanent resident of the U.S. and a THSOA Student Member.
- Students must arrive in Biloxi Sunday March 17, 2019 and will depart Friday March 22, 2019
- Applications for the current scholarship award will have deadline of January 15, 2019 or before.
- Applications will be reviewed by THSOA SORP Scholarship Committee and forwarded with recommendations to THSOA Board of Directors by January 30, 2019.
- Scholarship will be awarded by February 15, 2019
- Selection will be based on a combination of academic performance, letter of recommendation by a faculty member in your department, essay response and answers documented in the application process. Students must have a 3.0 min GPA.
- Students cannot receive a THSOA Chapter, National or SORP scholarship in the same school year.
- Applicants are required to digitally attach the items from the Checklist to the application in the order presented below.

## SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS AND CHECKLIST

Attach 1 copy of the following to this Application:

- A) Completed Application (this form) + Attending Students Form
- B) Resume / CV + THSOA Student Membership
- C) Short 1000 word essay, explaining your career goals in the hydrographic or related / supporting fields.
- D) Recommendation letter from faculty within your department (scanned original)
- E) College transcript (scanned original)
- F) *Optional: Additional information if you desire*

**Deadline Date:**

**January 15, 2019**

## SUBMITTAL

Please return the completed application electronically via email with the subject line "*THSOA-SORP: Hydro Application (Your Name)*" to: [thsoa-sorp-students@thsoa.org](mailto:thsoa-sorp-students@thsoa.org)

## QUESTIONS

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the SORP Program Coordinator Chris Freeman via email with the subject line "*THSOA-SORP: Hydro App. Question (Your Name)*" to: [chris@thsoa.org](mailto:chris@thsoa.org) with cc' to [thsoa-sorp-students@thsoa.org](mailto:thsoa-sorp-students@thsoa.org)

## THSOA Student Outreach & Recruiting Program: Hydro 2019 Attending Student Information



<b>Name:</b>	
<b>Email:</b>	
<b>College or University:</b>	
<b>Dept. or Program:</b>	
<b>Major(s):</b>	
<b>Degree(s) Seeing:</b>	
<b>Expected Grad Date:</b>	
<b>Attending the Recruiting Sessions?</b>	
<b>Career Interests:</b>	
<b>Hydrography Interests:</b>	
<b>Personal Interests (optional):</b>	

All students planning to attend the 2019 U.S. Hydro conference please fill out this form and return with the subject line "*THSOA-SORP: Hydro Attending (Your Name)*" to: [thsoa-sorp-students@thsoa.org](mailto:thsoa-sorp-students@thsoa.org).