



AMERICAN SAMOA GOVERNMENT
Department of Marine and Wildlife Resources
American Samoa Community College

MARINE AND FISHERIES SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Student Application Form
Academic Year 2026–2027

KEY DATES

Application opens: **July 15, 2026**

Application deadline: **September 18, 2026**

Incomplete or late packets will not be scored.

The Marine and Fisheries Scholarship Program supports current and incoming American Samoa Community College (ASCC) students pursuing the Marine Science degree program, in support of American Samoa's marine and fisheries workforce needs. This scholarship carries no off-island service obligation and no repayment obligation tied to future employment.

How to Complete This Form

- Complete every section. Type directly into the fillable fields in this PDF, or print and complete legibly by hand.
- If a question does not apply to you, write "not applicable" rather than leaving it blank.
- This form covers Sections I through VI of your application and the Applicant Certification. Institutional verification, committee review, and award approval are completed separately by ASCC and DMWR and are not part of this form.

Eligibility — You Must Meet All Four Requirements

- Be a current or incoming student admitted to ASCC.
- Be enrolled in, or intending to enroll in, the Marine Science degree program at ASCC.
- Maintain, or commit to maintaining, a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0.
- Provide documentation verifying U.S. citizenship or U.S. national status.

Required Submissions — Attach the Following With This Form

- This completed Application Form, signed and dated.
- Signed Applicant Certification (included at the end of this form).
- Official or unofficial ASCC transcript, or high school transcript for incoming students.
- Proof of ASCC admission or current enrollment.
- Documentation verifying U.S. citizenship or U.S. national status.
- Two letters of reference. At least one must be from an instructor, counselor, or supervisor able to speak to your academic performance.

Where to Submit

Submit your complete application packet to the ASCC office designated in the program announcement, or to the Department of Marine and Wildlife Resources, Pago Pago, American Samoa.

Section I. Applicant Information

Complete every field below. Print legibly or type. If a question does not apply, write "not applicable."

Full legal name:

Mailing address:

Date of birth:

Village:

Telephone:

Email:

Current status at ASCC:

- ☐ Current ASCC student
- ☐ Incoming ASCC student (admitted, not yet enrolled)

Marine Science degree program:

- ☐ Currently enrolled in the Marine Science degree program
- ☐ Intending to enroll in the Marine Science degree program

Cumulative GPA:

Expected completion date:

Incoming freshmen: enter your high school cumulative GPA.

Citizenship or U.S. national status documentation attached:

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Section II. Workforce Alignment and Relevance to the DMWR Mission (30 points)

1. Why did you choose to study marine science?

2. How do you intend to use your marine science degree to support marine, fisheries, or natural resource management in American Samoa after graduation?

3. Identify specific marine or fisheries issues in American Samoa that you hope to work on.

4. What technical skills are you developing or planning to develop?

Section III. Commitment to Marine and Fisheries Work in American Samoa (20 points)

This section is evaluated on the strength and specificity of your stated interest. It does not create any service obligation, and no answer given here binds you to future employment.

1. Describe your long-term career goals.

2. How do you see yourself contributing to marine and fisheries management, education, enforcement, or research in American Samoa?

3. If DMWR offers internship, volunteer, or workforce exposure opportunities during your enrollment at ASCC, would you be interested in participating?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Undecided

Section IV. Academic Achievement and Readiness (20 points)

1. What academic achievements in high school or college are you most proud of?

2. Describe any academic challenge you have faced and how you addressed it.

Section V. Professional Development and Initiative (15 points)

1. Describe internships, volunteer work, employment, or community service related to marine, fisheries, or environmental work.

2. Describe leadership roles, research activities, or technical training you have completed.

3. What personal qualities or interests prepare you for work in marine and fisheries management?

Section VI. Letters of Reference

Two letters of reference are required. At least one must be from an instructor, counselor, or supervisor able to speak to your academic performance. Provide the information below and arrange for both letters to be submitted with this application.

Reference 1

Name and title:

Relationship to applicant:

Reference 2

Name and title:

Relationship to applicant:

Applicant Certification

I certify that the information provided in this application is true, accurate, and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that:

- Misrepresentation of any material fact may result in disqualification, withdrawal of an award, or recovery of funds already disbursed.
- Selection is competitive and submission of an application does not guarantee an award.
- Award amounts are determined by DMWR subject to available funding and grant conditions.
- No award is final until approved in writing by both the Director of DMWR and the President of ASCC.
- If selected, I must sign the Student Recipient Agreement before any funds are disbursed.

I authorize ASCC to release my enrollment status, declared program of study, and cumulative GPA to DMWR and to the Scholarship Review Committee for the purpose of evaluating this application and administering any resulting award.

Applicant printed name:

Applicant signature:

Date:

Type your full name to sign electronically, or print this form and sign by hand before submission.