

Blue-Green Connections

Hope For the Future School and Student Awards



We all love the beach! And, we are surrounded by them here on the Florida Gulf Coast! How is the Gulf important to you and the world?

CHALLENGE DESCRIPTION

Our Gulf waters have been designated a Hope Spot. This means that it is a special place that is critical to the health of the oceans, and the oceans are critical to the health of the planet. The ocean may seem like such an endless amount of water that it is too big for us to affect, but it's not. The land and the ocean are part of one giant system - our Earth. What we do on the land affects our waters (and vice versa). We spend most of our time on land, thus the key to keeping our waters and the animals that live in them healthy is ensuring that human actions, even those on land, are sustainable.

The Blue-Green Connections Hope for the Future Award will be given to the submission that best answers the below questions. Get creative!

- Why is the ocean important to you and to everyone?
- How do our human actions affect our waters – positively or negatively?
- How would your idea for changing our everyday behavior help make or keep our Gulf waters cleaner and healthier for us and the many animals that call it home?

ELIGIBILITY

Applicants must:

- Be a student in the Tampa Bay area as of the application submission date (homeschooled, in-person, and virtual school all acceptable)
- Complete the downloadable application form and submit with parent or guardian signature
- Create a submission (Word, PowerPoint, PDF, image, audio or video format) that answers the bulleted questions above.
- Upload your submission and the application to "<https://tinyurl.com/2020HopeSpotProject>" by final deadline of November 30, 2020 with the appropriate titles (see page3). Projects may be submitted individually or by group.

AWARDS

There will be up to 18 \$100 awards granted for this project in addition to public recognition

- 15 students/groups with the most creative and influential projects each win \$100
- 3 teachers with the most participants each win \$100. This includes teachers from elementary, middle or high schools, after school programs, camps, homeschoolers, etc.
- There will be public recognition of winning students, teachers and participating schools
- Select winning projects will be displayed virtually and in Tarpon Springs Aquarium
- Your family, friends, and community all win as they are educated about the Hope Spot



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APPLICANT INFORMATION

Last Name _____ First _____ Middle _____

Parent / Guardian's Last Name _____ First _____

Permanent Home Mailing Address _____ Apt # _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP Code _____

Telephone _____ E-Mail Address _____

Date of Birth: Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

Current Grade Level: _____ Teacher's Name: _____

SCHOOL INFORMATION

I attend (School Name) _____

School Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP Code _____

Telephone _____ E-Mail Address _____

Teacher's Name _____ Principal's Name _____

CERTIFICATION

I acknowledge that decisions are final. I certify that I meet eligibility requirements of the program as described in the guidelines, the information provided is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge, and the submission is my work. Falsification of information may result in termination of any award granted.

Student Signature _____ DATE _____

I acknowledge that I have read and understand the rules of this program. I have agreed to allow my child to participate.

Parent / Guardian Signature _____ DATE _____



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INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMISSION

Unless otherwise noted by your teacher, all projects must be submitted on-line. This application should be submitted along with project and all files must have the appropriate prefix. Prefix should be as follows:

- First 3 letters of your city: TAM – Tampa, DUN – Dunedin, STP – St. Petersburg, etc.
- Next 3-5 characters –School Letters (THS, DMS, PHUHS, etc. Homeschool- HOM, Other-OTH)
- Next 2 characters grade – 0k, 01,02,03,04,05,06,07,08,09,10, 11, 12
- Next 5 characters first 4 of last name, first letter of first name

Example: The prefix for Paul Thorne in 6th grade at Palm Harbor Middle School would be PALPHMS06THORP and he would submit the following 2 files: PALPHMS06THORP _PROJECT and PALPHMS06THORP _APP

Prefix for my files: _____

PUBLICITY RELEASE (REQUIRED) MUST BE SIGNED BY APPLICANT AND PARENT

If I am selected as a recipient, I hereby grant to Blue-Green Connections the use any time in connection with or as part of any advertising, publicity, promotion or media whatsoever, whether now existing or hereafter developed, complete permission to use, display, reproduce and distribute my name, photograph, likeness, biographical material, application, project, or any combination of these, all without further compensation or notification. I further acknowledge that Blue-Green Connections is not under any obligation to undertake any such advertising, publicity or promotional activity.

I hereby release, discharge, and absolve Blue-Green Connections from any and all actions, suits, claims and demands of any kind whatsoever which I, my parents or legal guardians or my successors had, now have, or hereafter may have by any matter connected in any way with The Hope for the Future Award program, including but not limited to, the operation of the program, the awarding, acceptance or use of the scholarship, or the use of my name, likeness, biographical material or application information.

Student Signature _____ DATE _____

Parent / Guardian Signature _____ DATE _____