



## The Young Environmentalist Leadership Course (YELC)

### Programme Information

Applications due to CCMI: 11<sup>th</sup> June 2021  
Programme dates: 1<sup>st</sup> July - 21<sup>st</sup> August 2021  
Little Cayman dates: 11<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> August 2021

CCMI's Young Environmentalist Leadership Course (YELC) provides an opportunity for up to six local students to continue their educational pathway in the marine sciences. Throughout July and August, YELC participants complete their PADI Open Water, Advanced Open Water, and Rescue Diver certifications they attend a 10-day long course with CCMI Education specialists at the Little Cayman Research Centre. Students work on field projects, learn to use instruments and equipment to broaden their horizons and experiences that can be used in the workplace. Students may also take part in night dives, lionfish dissections, CV workshops, mock job interviews and assist with CCMI's ongoing research.



This programme works to build skilled and enthusiastic environmental ambassadors. Students are exposed to the breadth of opportunities in the marine industry and as a result, make important connections for employment and internships. Local businesses that have been involved in this programme over the years include Go Pro Diving, Dive Tech, Cayman Eco Divers Foundation, The Blue Iguana Recovery Programme, The National Trust of the Cayman Islands, Shark Conservation Cayman, Plastic Free Cayman, Red Sail Sports, Ocean Frontiers, Pro Yacht, Cayman Kayaks, and government agencies include the Cayman Islands Department of Environment, John Gray High School,

Clifton Hunter High School and the Cayman Islands Further Education Centre (CIFEC). The YELC programme bridges an important gap for local students that do not have access to post-school education in the Cayman Islands, breaking down financial and educational barriers.

### Scholarship Information

Applications are currently open for six fully funded scholarships thanks to the financial support provided by Foster's and Cayman National Bank.



## Young Environmentalist Leadership Course

### 2021 Application

- Applicant Requirements
- A permanent resident of the Cayman Islands or a Caymanian passport holder
  - A current student in the Cayman Islands School System (private or government)
  - Be in excellent academic standing (3.0 GPA scale or equivalent)

- Included in Scholarship
- The complete course costs, including;
- Nine nights accommodation at the Little Cayman Research Centre
  - 10 days of meals at the Little Cayman Research Centre
  - Transportation around Little Cayman during stay
  - Roundtrip flights from Grand Cayman to Little Cayman
  - PADI Open Water Diver certification course
  - PADI Advanced Open Water Diver certification course
  - PADI Rescue Diver certification course
  - PADI Emergency First Responder certification course
  - PADI Emergency Oxygen Provider certification course
  - All SCUBA dives & equipment during stay at the Little Cayman Research Centre
  - All instructor fees & classroom and field materials
  - The use of CCMI bicycles and kayaks during stay at the Little Cayman Research Centre

- Not Included in Scholarship
- DAN insurance (once the applicant is a certified SCUBA diver)

- How to Apply
- Applications should consist of;
- A completed application form
  - A letter of recommendation (from a teacher, coach, employer, camp director, or similar)
  - The information of two contacts of reference (ex. teacher, coach, employer, camp director, or similar)

Completed applications to be sent to:

**education@reefresearch.org**

Please mark your application: **YELC Application 2021**

The closing date for applications is: **11<sup>th</sup> June 2021**

# CENTRAL CARIBBEAN MARINE INSTITUTE



First Name

Last Name

Date of Birth  
(DD/MM/YY)

Phone number

Email Address

Name of School

Year in School

GPA or  
equivalent

Why should you be considered for CCMI's Young Environmentalist Leadership Course?

What do you hope to gain from this experience?

What positive impacts are you currently making on the environment?

What career would you like to pursue in the future? Do you think YELC would help you with this?