The Aaron Klothe Scholarship Fund was created on behalf of a very special young man named Aaron Klothe. As a young teen, Aaron attended several Marine Discovery Summer Camps. During these camps it was apparent that Aaron possessed a strong affinity for water recreational activities and the study of Marine Science.

His big smile and warm heart was infectious to all around him.

Unfortunately, Aaron passed away in an accident. This unfortunate incident united a community to help give back in support of their dear friend Aaron. In 2005, Aaron’s mother, Toni Klothe developed the Aaron Klothe Scholarship Fund in honor of her son’s passion for wildlife and outdoor recreation. The fund was developed to provide financial assistance for disadvantaged youth to participate in hands-on marine science programs at the Marine Discovery Center. The fund has and will continue to encourage children to immerse themselves in nature-based educational programs so that they can experience the joy that Aaron felt while on the water.

If you are interested in applying for the Aaron Klothe Scholarship Fund, please complete and submit the application to the Marine Discovery Center. For more details, contact Michelle West at michelle@marinediscoverycenter.org or phone (386) 428-3310.
Instructions (to be completed by Parent[s]/Guardian[s] and student)

Incomplete or late applications will not be reviewed.

You will need to complete the following 6 items to be considered for a scholarship:

1) Complete the camp registration packet and label it Scholarship Request. The camp registration packet can be downloaded at www.marinediscoverycenter.org/summer-camp-description-prices/

2) Complete this Scholarship Application (two pages) in its entirety.

3) Enclose copies of 2017 W-2 forms and a complete and signed copy of your most current 1040 form with all attached schedules, as submitted to the Internal Revenue Service. Other forms of government revenue documentation may be accepted. (If you are applying for more than one child, we only require one copy of 2017 W-2 Forms and your 1040.)

4) Submit a letter as to why the applicant should receive the Aaron Klothe Scholarship Fund. The content of the letter should reflect the student’s financial needs as well as their interest in the marine sciences and outdoor recreation.

5) Submit a letter prepared by the applicant's school teacher as to why he/she should receive the Aaron Klothe Scholarship Fund.

6) Deadline - All of the above documents need to be delivered to the Marine Discovery Center by Friday, May 8, 2020. ****

All documents should be placed in an envelope labeled as follows:
Marine Discovery Center
Attention Scholarship Committee
520 Barracuda Blvd.
New Smyrna Beach, FL 32169

***Late applications will not be accepted.
I. General Information

Date __________________________ Name of Camper __________________________

Age __________ Date of Birth __/__/____ Circle: Male Female

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) __________________________________________________________

Day Phone ( ) ___________________________ Night Phone ( ) ________________________

Address __________________________________________________________ City __________________________ Zip __________________________

E-mail __________________________________________________________

School (Name) ___________________________ (City) __________________________

Teacher ___________________________ Current Grade __________________________

Fill in the camp name and dates for which you are applying:

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II. Family Information

Parent marital status: o Married o Divorced o Separated o Widowed o Single

Applicant lives with: o Both Parents o Mother o Father Other ___________________________

Number of siblings ______ Ages _____________ Number of siblings living at home __________ ___

Total number of people living in home _____________

III. Financial Information

Does the applicant receive or do they qualify for free/reduced lunch?

Please check: ___ yes ___ no
III. Financial Information (cont’d)

Income (gross) 2019

Family wages and commissions ________________________________
Government assistance ____________________________
Help from family and friends ____________________________
Alimony and child support _____________________________
Dividends/Interest __________________________________
Other income __________________________________________
Total Income __________________________________________

IV. Supporting Documents

Enclose copies of 2019 W-2 forms and a completed and signed copy of your most current 1040 form with all attached schedules, as submitted to the Internal Revenue Service.

I certify that all information provided on this application is true, correct and complete.

Signature ____________________________________________

Print Name __________________________________________

Date ________________________________________________

All information will be kept confidential. We do not volunteer information with government agencies.

The Marine Discovery Center seldom awards full camp scholarships.

The family should be prepared to contribute a minimum of 20% of the cost of the camp.