

MERROW Aquaneers

Education, Research, Recovery



Mission

The mission of MERROW is to empower experiential education opportunities to teens in the marine sciences as well as to provide hands-on educational outreach and experiential research training for scientists, citizen-scientists, and non-scientists of all ages.

Purpose

MERROW is organized and operated exclusively for scientific, educational, and charitable purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or the corresponding sections of any prior or future law, including for the following purposes:

- a. Training individuals in the sport of SCUBA diving;
- b. Educating individuals in the underwater environment and marine and freshwater sciences; and
- c. Developing character, citizenship, and leadership through participation in such organized activities.

Equality and Fairness

No adult or youth will be discriminated against on the basis of race, color, national origin, marital status, political or religious beliefs, family, social or cultural background, or sexual orientation. No adult or youth will be treated unfairly. Likewise, no adult or youth will be granted any advantage over any other adult or youth unjustly.

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PLEASE PROVIDE THE INFORMATION REQUESTED BELOW AND UPLOAD CERTIFICATIONS TO MANTA.

Completion and submission of this application is your first step towards qualifying to become a Aquaneer. The information requested must be completed in its entirety. Unanswered questions will delay the process in your becoming a Aquaneer.

TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP: DIVING OR NON-DIVING DOB (MM/DD/YYYY): _____/_____/_____

FIRST NAME: _____ LAST NAME: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP CODE: _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

GENDER: (optional) Male Female

ARE YOU CERTIFIED: *please upload copies of documentation for all certifications

Basic SCUBA	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	If yes, give date:_____	Total No. of Dives: _____
Advanced SCUBA	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	If yes, give date:_____	
Rescue Diver	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	If yes, give date:_____	
Nitrox (EANx)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	If yes, give date:_____	
CPR/First Aid	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	If yes, give date:_____	
Oxygen Provider	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	If yes, give date:_____	
DAN Insurance	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	If yes, give date:_____	Insurance No.: _____

HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT AQUANEERS? _____

WHAT SCHOOL DO YOU ATTEND? _____ GRADE LEVEL: _____ GPA: _____

IN WHAT EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES ARE YOU CURRENTLY INVOLVED (IE, sports, clubs, church groups, etc.)?

WHAT ARE YOUR FUTURE CAREER GOALS? _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN CONTACT INFORMATION:

(AT LEAST ONE ADULT MUST BE AN ACTIVELY CONTRIBUTING MEMBER OF AQUANEERS S AS A QUALIFIED ADULT (COMPLETE SAFETY TRAINING, BACKGROUND SCREENING, FINGERPRINTING AND SUPPORT NAUT ACTIVITIES, IE, MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK)

NAME: _____

NAME: _____

QUALIFIED ADULT? Yes No _____
IF YES, COMPLETE FORM 9.2

QUALIFIED ADULT? Yes No_____
IF YES, COMPLETE FORM 9.2

ADDRESS: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

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EMAIL ADDRESS: _____ EMAIL
ADDRESS: _____

Aquaneer Standards of Character, Citizenship and Leadership

The following fundamental principles (Aquaneer Standards of Character, Citizenship and Leadership) shall apply to the behavior of all Aquaneer Members (adult and youth) during all Aquaneer activities and events:

- a. Be honest and exhibit high moral standards, ethics and personal integrity.
- b. Be respectful and courteous.
- c. Be responsible and dependable.
- d. Be fair and reasonable.
- e. Act safely.
- f. Be active in community and helpful to those in need.
- g. Maintain discretion and confidentiality.
- h. Do not intentionally embarrass, bully, haze, or insult.
- i. Do not make any false, malicious, or disparaging remarks.

I, _____, **acknowledge** that Aquaneers is an organization of individuals training to become America's future leaders. I understand that Aquaneers are trained to conduct scientific diving in accordance with the standards of the American Academy of Underwater Sciences (AAUS) and that the diving will be led by qualified adult mentors, including SCUBA instructors and dive masters, scientists, and educators. I understand that scientific diving may include benthic habitat monitoring, fish and sea turtle counts, coral reef restoration, underwater archeology, and community outreach activities.

I, _____, **agree** to abide by the Aquaneer STANDARDS OF CHARACTER, CITIZENSHIP AND LEADERSHIP (as set forth above).

I, _____, **understand** that **SAFETY** is of the utmost importance in participating in the Aquaneer program and that I **pledge** to do my part to maintain the **SAFETY** of the Aquaneer program for myself and all other participating persons. I further understand that if my skills, training, fitness or behavior is lacking in any way that may put me or other members at risk, I may not be allowed to participate. I agree that I will strive to ensure a **SAFE** and **POSITIVE** environment and to encourage and support the **AQUANEER** program knowing that any form of unsafe, disruptive or destructive conduct will not be tolerated.

I, _____, **understand** that if I do not maintain my qualifications and certifications, meet the minimum annual logged dive requirements, attend Chapter meetings regularly, and participate in community service activities as required by the **AQUANEER** program, I risk losing my **AQUANEER** ranking, risk participation in scientific dives, events and trips, and risk dismissal from the **AQUANEER** program completely.

I, _____, **am interested** in becoming a member of **AQUANEER** and learning about our underwater world by exploring and researching our marine and freshwater environments in a **SAFE** and **POSITIVE** environment that builds character, promotes active citizenship, and develops leadership skills.

Further, I, _____ **hereby grant Aquaneer al permission** to use my likeness and / or the likeness(es) of my child(ren) when participating in Aquaneer activities in a photograph, interview, video, or other digital media in any and all of its publications, including web-based publications and promotional materials, without payment or other consideration. The images will be the sole property of **MERROW Aquaneers**. I hereby release and hold harmless the **MERROW Foundation** and **Seahorse Coastal Consulting** from any claim arising from the use of these images.

- I agree to the photo release for the following members of our family (Others will be excluded from photos.):
 I wish to opt out at this time. Initials: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____
(Youth)

Qualified-Adult Pledge: I understand that this is not a "drop off" club. It is volunteers that make AQUANEER extraordinary, as such, I will find some way to volunteer some time to benefit this group for my Naut.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

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