



The Mark Sorensen Youth Sailing Program (MSYSP) is a non-profit 501 c (3) organization that is located at the Upper Keys Sailing Club. Its mission is to empower youth through sailing. MSYSP is the only organization serving youths in the Upper Keys and South Dade areas that offers year-round sailing instruction. Our organization's funds are limited. Therefore, grant assistance will be carefully selected according to each season's budget.

The Mainsailor Grant is offered to children whose families demonstrate financial need and hardship. Eligible candidates must be no younger than 8 years old at the time they begin with program and no older than 16. Candidates must also live and attend school in the Florida Keys or Homestead areas year-round. Decisions are not based on talent or achievement. MSYSP uses a variety of different tools to determine eligibility for financial aid. The more specific you can be about your need for financial assistance, the quicker our Review Committee will be able to evaluate your application. Your parent letter should outline why your family is in need of financial assistance along with a brief description of why your child wants to sail.

Please be sure to fill out this application in its entirety. Applications with missing information, such as letters or verification documents, will be returned for completion. Incomplete applications may be denied eligibility.

Please note that the Review Committee may request an interview with the parent to further investigate the need for assistance or to inform the applicant of the terms for receiving financial aid.

Limited funds are available. Financial Aid is awarded in various amounts; not all aid is equivalent to a season's full sailing fees. Funds available for financial aid vary from year to year. You must apply for financial aid each season.

Scholarship recipients (and/or their parents) may be asked to volunteer service hours in addition to other required volunteer hours for fundraising opportunities. Volunteers and fundraisers are the backbone of our organization and your support is a necessary component.

Applicants will be notified of their status for receiving the grant via phone and letter.

Mark Sorensen Youth Sailing Program Mainsailor Scholarship Application

All Information provided will be held strictly confidential and will not be used for any other purpose. The Mark Sorensen Youth Sailing Program will not share with anyone that you have applied and/or received financial aid. False information given to the organization will result in your sailor being disqualified for the grant.

Sailor Information:

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip Code: _____ Date of Birth: _____ Age: _____

Current Grade _____ Name of School Attending: _____

Please list other sports/activities/clubs with which you are involved:

For which MSYSP program are you requesting the Grant?

Summer Camp Learn to Sail Optimist Racing C420 Sailing

Family Information:

Parent's Marital Status: _____

Total Number in Household (including children): _____

Parent's Full Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip Code: _____ Email: _____

Mobile Number: _____

Total Household Income per month (GROSS): \$ _____ (Please enclose documents discussed below to verify income.)

Total Household Expenses per month: \$ _____

Monthly Rent or Mortgage: \$ _____

Are you able to contribute any amount toward the fee? Yes No

Are you able to pay in the form of a payment plan? (This would exclude summer camp)

No Yes Bi-Weekly Monthly

If there are two adults in the household, copies of documents (1-2) must be provided for both adults to verify the income listed above. If you feel that you have extenuating circumstances not evidenced by the above information, you may submit a statement explaining your current situation. Please attach it to your application with the above income verification.

I certify that the above information is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand the above agreement and my obligations.

Parent's Name Applying for Mainsailor Scholarship:

DEADLINE TO RECEIVE MAINSAILOR SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FOR SUMMER SESSION IS APRIL 15TH OF EACH YEAR.

Signed (Parent or Guardian): _____

Date Application Completed: __/__/_____ Please submit completed financial aid application along with these letters and income verification:

- Letter from parent/guardian explaining financial need
- Copy of W-2 for previous year
- Copy of last TWO calendar MONTHS of paycheck stubs
- Copy of one Rent or Mortgage check
- Letter from sailor as to why he/she wants to sail (OPTIONAL).

If you have any questions about this application or about our program, please call Rosa Lamela at (305) 747-2600.

Completed application and documentation should be mailed to the following address:

Mark Sorensen Youth Sailing Program
Upper Keys Sailing Club
PO Box 373154
Key Largo, FL 33037

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