



FAQ SHEET AND INSTRUCTIONS FOR ACCEPTED HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS APPLYING FOR FINANCIAL AID to attend the Shoals Marine Laboratory on Appledore Island, Maine.

What is the application deadline for aid from Shoals Marine Laboratory (SML)?

APPLICATION DEADLINE FOR SML PROGRAMS: February 15, 2009

Applications will be accepted after this date, but aid awards are given out on a “first-come, first-served” basis. Aid from SML is awarded as scholarship aid.

How do I apply for financial aid?

Applying for Financial Aid can be a daunting process. Please read, and FOLLOW the instructions below CAREFULLY! If you need help, contact SML.

ALL colleges and universities require that incoming students submit what is called a [Student Aid Report](#). This report is required in order to access student eligibility for financial aid. A [Student Aid Report](#) is generated by completing what is called a FAFSA: **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)**. Since many high school students and their parents have not begun this process yet, the Federal government has created a special FAFSA for high school students called the **FAFSA4caster**. This is a handy new tool for high school students and their parents to get an idea of their eligibility for financial aid. Shoals Marine Laboratory is not going to ask you to fill out a FAFSA, however, we would like you to complete the **FAFSA4caster**...

STEP ONE: Go DIRECTLY to the FAFSA4caster website and COMPLETE the application: <http://www.fafsa4caster.ed.gov/>. Don't worry! This process is fast and easy – you should receive your results within 24 hours of completing the online application. You will then know what your *Expected Family Contribution (EFC)*.

STEP TWO: Include your EFC in the space provided on the SML on-line application;

STEP THREE: Provide SML with a copy of your FAFSA4caster after you are accepted.
(Shoals Marine Laboratory, G-14 Stimson Hall, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY 14853)

QUESTIONS or NEED HELP?

Contact Admissions: shoals-lab@cornell.edu OR (607) 255-3717

Will I be eligible?

No matter what your family's financial situation, Shoals Marine Laboratory will strive to make its programs affordable. Our Financial Aid staff will work closely with you and your family to put the cost of a Shoals experience within your reach.

What percentage of my course costs will financial aid cover?

Shoals Marine Laboratory will do its best to provide you with as much assistance as possible.