**Department of Biology and Marine Biology Merit Scholarship Fund:**

The **Department of Biology and Marine Biology Merit Scholarship** is hereby created as a named fund at the University of North Carolina at Wilmington. The scholarship is being created by the Department of Biology and Marine Biology and will be used to assist students majoring in Biology and Marine Biology.

**Criteria and Award Amount:**

The scholarship is considered a merit scholarship and the recipient will be selected on demonstrated academic ability and special achievement. The recipient must be a student majoring in or showing an interest in majoring in biology or marine biology. The scholarship may be awarded to an undergraduate or a graduate student. The Chair has ultimate discretion as to who receives the award.

The scholarship is an annual scholarship. Award amounts will be at least $500 and the award amount can be increased at the discretion of the chair. The future goal is to endow the scholarship once a balance of $25,000 in the account is reached.

**Recognition of Donors and Levels of Contribution:**

Faculty, staff and the community may donate on behalf of themselves or in the name of someone else.

**Gold Level $250** - When a contribution of $250-$499 is made, the donor’s name will be printed in the departmental newsletter. If the donation is made in honor of a particular individual, then the name of the person being honored will be printed in the newsletter.

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More information about donating to the departmental scholarship fund can be located on the University of North Carolina Wilmington Department of Biology and Marine Biology Website at [http://www.uncw.edu/bio/](http://www.uncw.edu/bio/). Donors can also go to [https://tswww.uncw.edu/giving/](https://tswww.uncw.edu/giving/) and make an electronic (faculty and staff, check, credit card, or bank draft). Donations are tax deductible.