

NOTICE OF OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET ACTION

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In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act, OMB has taken the following action on your request for approval of a revision of an information collection received on 07/16/2001.

TITLE: Dr. Nancy Foster Scholarship Program

AGENCY FORM NUMBER(S): CD-346

ACTION : APPROVED
OMB NO.: 0648-0432
EXPIRATION DATE: 08/31/2004

BURDEN	RESPONSES	BURDEN HOURS	BURDEN COSTS
Previous	400	725	0
New	2,020	3,517	3
Difference	1,620	2,792	3
Program Change		2,792	3
Adjustment		0	0

TERMS OF CLEARANCE: None

NOTE: The agency is required to display the OMB control number and inform respondents of its legal significance (see 5 CFR 1320.5(b)).

OMB Authorizing Official Title

Donald R. Arbuckle Deputy Administrator, Office of
Information and Regulatory Affairs

PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT SUBMISSION

Please read the instructions before completing this form. For additional forms or assistance in completing this form, contact your agency's Paperwork Clearance Officer. Send two copies of this form, the collection instrument to be reviewed, the supporting statement, and any additional documentation to: Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Docket Library, Room 10102, 725 17th Street NW, Washington, DC 20503.

<p>1. Agency/Subagency originating request</p>	<p>2. OMB control number b. <input type="checkbox"/> None a. _____ - _____</p>
<p>3. Type of information collection (<i>check one</i>)</p> <p>a. <input type="checkbox"/> New Collection</p> <p>b. <input type="checkbox"/> Revision of a currently approved collection</p> <p>c. <input type="checkbox"/> Extension of a currently approved collection</p> <p>d. <input type="checkbox"/> Reinstatement, without change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired</p> <p>e. <input type="checkbox"/> Reinstatement, with change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired</p> <p>f. <input type="checkbox"/> Existing collection in use without an OMB control number</p> <p>For b-f, note Item A2 of Supporting Statement instructions</p>	<p>4. Type of review requested (<i>check one</i>)</p> <p>a. <input type="checkbox"/> Regular submission</p> <p>b. <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency - Approval requested by _____ / _____ / _____</p> <p>c. <input type="checkbox"/> Delegated</p>
	<p>5. Small entities Will this information collection have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>
	<p>6. Requested expiration date</p> <p>a. <input type="checkbox"/> Three years from approval date b. <input type="checkbox"/> Other Specify: _____ / _____</p>
<p>7. Title</p>	
<p>8. Agency form number(s) (<i>if applicable</i>)</p>	
<p>9. Keywords</p>	
<p>10. Abstract</p>	
<p>11. Affected public (<i>Mark primary with "P" and all others that apply with "x"</i>)</p> <p>a. <input type="checkbox"/> Individuals or households d. <input type="checkbox"/> Farms</p> <p>b. <input type="checkbox"/> Business or other for-profit e. <input type="checkbox"/> Federal Government</p> <p>c. <input type="checkbox"/> Not-for-profit institutions f. <input type="checkbox"/> State, Local or Tribal Government</p>	<p>12. Obligation to respond (<i>check one</i>)</p> <p>a. <input type="checkbox"/> Voluntary</p> <p>b. <input type="checkbox"/> Required to obtain or retain benefits</p> <p>c. <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory</p>
<p>13. Annual recordkeeping and reporting burden</p> <p>a. Number of respondents _____</p> <p>b. Total annual responses _____</p> <p> 1. Percentage of these responses collected electronically _____ %</p> <p>c. Total annual hours requested _____</p> <p>d. Current OMB inventory _____</p> <p>e. Difference _____</p> <p>f. Explanation of difference</p> <p> 1. Program change _____</p> <p> 2. Adjustment _____</p>	<p>14. Annual reporting and recordkeeping cost burden (<i>in thousands of dollars</i>)</p> <p>a. Total annualized capital/startup costs _____</p> <p>b. Total annual costs (O&M) _____</p> <p>c. Total annualized cost requested _____</p> <p>d. Current OMB inventory _____</p> <p>e. Difference _____</p> <p>f. Explanation of difference</p> <p> 1. Program change _____</p> <p> 2. Adjustment _____</p>
<p>15. Purpose of information collection (<i>Mark primary with "P" and all others that apply with "X"</i>)</p> <p>a. <input type="checkbox"/> Application for benefits e. <input type="checkbox"/> Program planning or management</p> <p>b. <input type="checkbox"/> Program evaluation f. <input type="checkbox"/> Research</p> <p>c. <input type="checkbox"/> General purpose statistics g. <input type="checkbox"/> Regulatory or compliance</p> <p>d. <input type="checkbox"/> Audit</p>	<p>16. Frequency of recordkeeping or reporting (<i>check all that apply</i>)</p> <p>a. <input type="checkbox"/> Recordkeeping b. <input type="checkbox"/> Third party disclosure</p> <p>c. <input type="checkbox"/> Reporting</p> <p> 1. <input type="checkbox"/> On occasion 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Weekly 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Monthly</p> <p> 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Quarterly 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Semi-annually 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Annually</p> <p> 7. <input type="checkbox"/> Biennially 8. <input type="checkbox"/> Other (describe) _____</p>
<p>17. Statistical methods</p> <p>Does this information collection employ statistical methods</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>	<p>18. Agency Contact (person who can best answer questions regarding the content of this submission)</p> <p>Name: _____</p> <p>Phone: _____</p>

19. Certification for Paperwork Reduction Act Submissions

On behalf of this Federal Agency, I certify that the collection of information encompassed by this request complies with 5 CFR 1320.9

NOTE: The text of 5 CFR 1320.9, and the related provisions of 5 CFR 1320.8(b)(3), appear at the end of the instructions. *The certification is to be made with reference to those regulatory provisions as set forth in the instructions.*

The following is a summary of the topics, regarding the proposed collection of information, that the certification covers:

- (a) It is necessary for the proper performance of agency functions;
- (b) It avoids unnecessary duplication;
- (c) It reduces burden on small entities;
- (d) It used plain, coherent, and unambiguous terminology that is understandable to respondents;
- (e) Its implementation will be consistent and compatible with current reporting and recordkeeping practices;
- (f) It indicates the retention period for recordkeeping requirements;
- (g) It informs respondents of the information called for under 5 CFR 1320.8(b)(3):
 - (i) Why the information is being collected;
 - (ii) Use of information;
 - (iii) Burden estimate;
 - (iv) Nature of response (voluntary, required for a benefit, mandatory);
 - (v) Nature and extent of confidentiality; and
 - (vi) Need to display currently valid OMB control number;
- (h) It was developed by an office that has planned and allocated resources for the efficient and effective management and use of the information to be collected (see note in Item 19 of instructions);
- (i) It uses effective and efficient statistical survey methodology; and
- (j) It makes appropriate use of information technology.

If you are unable to certify compliance with any of the provisions, identify the item below and explain the reason in Item 18 of the Supporting Statement.

Signature of Senior Official or designee

Date

Agency Certification (signature of Assistant Administrator or head of MB staff for L.O.s, or of the Director of a Program or Staff Office)

Signature

Date

Signature of NOAA Clearance Officer

Signature

Date

**SUPPORTING STATEMENT
DR. NANCY FOSTER SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM
OMB CONTROL NO. 0648-0432**

A. JUSTIFICATION

1. Explain the circumstances that make the collection of information necessary.

Public Law 106-513 authorizes the Dr. Nancy Foster Scholarship Program. The program recognizes outstanding scholarship by providing financial support to graduate students pursuing masters and doctoral degrees in the areas of marine biology, oceanography and maritime archaeology. In order to select qualified students, it is necessary to collect an Application Package from each candidate that consists of a General Information Sheet, Statement of Intent, Institute Certification, Academic Transcripts, three Letters of Recommendation, and a Declaration Statement. The information will be used to select those individuals who will receive Dr. Nancy Foster Scholarships.

In order to properly process and monitor awardees, scholarship recipients will be required to submit an Annual Report, an Institute Certification if one was not provided with the original application, sign a No Concurrent Work Statement, submit form CD-346 "Applicant for Funding Assistance", and provide a bio and photograph of themselves.

2. Explain how, by whom, how frequently, and for what purpose the information will be used.

The Application Package information collection will be solicited by announcing the Dr. Nancy Scholarship Program's annual call for applications via Federal Register Notice, NOAA's National Ocean Service Web site, listserves and electronic bulletin boards, graduate and financial aid departments, at academic conferences, and by mailing out brochures to relevant academic institutions. NOAA's National Ocean Service scholarship program administrator will conduct this information collection each fall and scholarship review panelists and NOAA leadership will use the information to select scholarship recipients.

The information to be collected from actual awardees will be solicited by the scholarship program administrator and be collected by mailing out Dr. Nancy Foster Scholar packets to new and continuing awardees each summer. The Annual Report will be required annually of all continuing awardees (in June), and the Institute Certification, No Concurrent Work Statement, form CD-346, and bios and photographs, will be required once of each new awardee prior to their receiving their first allotment of scholarship funds (in July/August). The Annual Report will outline awardees' accomplishments and academic progress and enable administrators to track awardees efforts; the Institute Certification is a signed statement from a school official certifying the applicant is or will be accepted by the school and attending school full-time at the time of the award; the No Concurrent Work Statement is to certify an applicant's compliance with the scholarship parameter not allowing concurrent work while attending graduate school unless the work directly relates to the student's graduate research; and form CD-346, which

requests the applicant's full name, social security number, prior work/residence history, date of birth, and criminal record status, enables the Department of Commerce to conduct a background check, that may include credit reporting and an FBI criminal background check, so that awardees may receive the necessary approval and clearance required in order to be funded via the NOAA Grants Office and Office of Finance and Administration systems. Submission of the social security number via the CD-346 is voluntary, but not providing it may reduce delays in the Department's review process and awarding of funds. The bios and photographs will be posted on the scholarship Web site so interested individuals can see and learn more about those who were selected as awardees.

3. Describe whether, and to what extent, the collection of information involves the use of automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological techniques or other forms of information technology.

The program will be advertised over NOAA's National Ocean Service Web site, on electronic bulletin boards and via marine related listserves.

4. Describe efforts to identify duplication.

The scholarship administrator within NOAA's National Ocean Service Headquarters will oversee the information collection. This will prevent duplication of effort.

5. If the collection of information involves small businesses or other small entities, describe the methods used to minimize burden.

This collection does not involve small businesses or other small entities.

6. Describe the consequences to the Federal program or policy activities if the collection is not conducted or is conducted less frequently.

Consequences could include scholarship funds not being awarded and students not receiving financial support; scholarships being awarded less frequently than possible, or on a timeframe that is not in sync with the academic year; the scholarship administrator not being able to effectively track awardee progress; awardees not receiving their funding on time; and, the scholarship administrators not being able to market the program effectively.

7. Explain any special circumstances that require the collection to be conducted in a manner inconsistent with OMB guidelines.

None.

8. Provide a copy of the PRA Federal Register notice that solicited public comments on the information collection prior to this submission. Summarize the public comments received in response to that notice and describe the actions taken by the agency in response to those comments. Describe the efforts to consult with persons outside the agency to obtain their views on the availability of data, frequency of collection, the clarity of instructions and

recordkeeping, disclosure, or reporting format (if any), and on the data elements to be recorded, disclosed, or reported.

A Federal Register Notice (copy attached) solicited comments from the public. None were received. Scholarship administrators consulted with representatives from universities/colleges with relevant academic programs, administrators of other scholarship programs, representatives from financial aid offices, and representatives from NOAA's Grants Office and Office of Finance and Administration. In addition, administrators held conversations and email dialogues with interested applicants.

9. Explain any decisions to provide payments or gifts to respondents, other than remuneration of contractors or grantees.

Other than the scholarship funds, there is no remuneration involved.

10. Describe any assurance of confidentiality provided to respondents and the basis for assurance in statute, regulation, or agency policy.

No confidentiality is promised or provided except the social security and tax ID numbers will remain confidential based upon the Privacy Act of 1974 (P.L. 93-479).

11. Provide additional justification for any questions of a sensitive nature, such as sexual behavior and attitudes, religious beliefs, and other matters that are commonly considered private.

Not applicable.

12. Provide an estimate in hours of the burden of the collection of information.

All applicants are required to submit an Application Package. Based upon this year's call we expect to receive 500 respondents annually. Completion of the Application Package is estimated to take 4 and 45 minutes, in addition to 45 minutes needed for each Letter of Recommendation to be written. It is estimated that five awardees will be selected each year. Writing an Annual Report is estimated to take 1.5 hours. Signing a No Concurrent Work Statement is estimated to 5 minutes. Filling out form CD-346 is estimated to take 45 minutes. Providing a bio and photograph is estimated to take 1 hour.

500 application package respondents x 4.75 hours =	2,375.00	hours
1,500 letters of recommendation x 0.75 hours =	1,125.00	hours
5 annual reports x 1.5 hours =	7.50	hours
5 no concurrent work statements x 5 minutes =	0.42	hours
5 CD-346 x 0.75 hour =	3.75	hours
5 bio/photograph submissions x 1 hour =	5.00	hours
Total hours of burden =	3,516.67	hours

13. Provide an estimate of the total annual cost burden to the respondents or record-keepers resulting from the collection.

In the 2001 call for applications, official transcripts were required and estimated to cost \$12 per applicant. It was also estimated to cost \$5 per applicant for photocopying and mailing of the application package. For the 2002, and all subsequent call for applications, it is being proposed that official transcripts no longer be required. This will bring the total annual cost burden down to \$5 per applicant for copying and mailing of application packages and an additional \$10 for a photograph provided by those selected as awardees. For 2002, and all subsequent years, the estimated cost is \$5 per applicant and \$15 for applicants who are selected as scholars bringing the total annual cost burden to \$2,550.

14. Provide estimates of annualized cost to the Federal government.

\$45,000. This figure represents salary dollars needed to oversee administration of the program, salary dollars for application review by panel members, and salary dollars and cost of materials for development of the annual scholarship brochure and Web site.

15. Explain the reasons for any program changes or adjustments reported in Items 13 or 14 of the OMB 83-I.

Program change are the result of new reporting requirements and a change in transcript requirements, lowering the application response time by 15 minutes.

16. For collections whose results will be published, outline the plans for tabulation and publication.

The names, academic institutions, degree and research plans, photographs, and biographical information of the scholarship awardees will be posted on NOAA's National Ocean Service Web site and may be published in marketing materials developed to advertise the program.

17. If seeking approval to not display the expiration date for OMB approval of the information collection, explain the reasons why display would be inappropriate.

Not applicable.

18. Explain each exception to the certification statement identified in Item 19 of the OMB 83-I.

Not applicable.

B. COLLECTIONS OF INFORMATION EMPLOYING STATISTICAL METHODS

This collection does not employ statistical methods.

Dated: May 15, 2001.

Madeleine Clayton,

*Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer,
Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 051701E]

Coastal Zone Management Program Administration Grants

AGENCY: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

ACTION: Proposed information collection; comment request.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Pub. L. 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before July 23, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Madeleine Clayton, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6086, 14th and Constitution Avenue NW, Washington DC 20230 (or via the Internet at MClayton@doc.gov).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to John King, Acting Chief, Coastal Programs Division, NOS, 1305 East-West Highway, Room 11110, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (phone: 301-713-3121, ext. 188).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

Coastal zone management grants provide funds to states and territories to implement federally approved Coastal Zone Management Programs and to develop assessment documents and multi-year strategies. Paperwork Reduction Act approval is being sought for performance and annual reports, requests for amendments or routine program changes to an approved program, and the submission of program management and assessment/strategy documents.

II. Method of Collection

Information is submitted to respond to requirements detailed in regulations. No forms are used.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0648-0119.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: State, local, or tribal government.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 34.

Estimated Time Per Response: 15 hours for a performance report on a state's Coastal Zone Management Program, 27 hours for any other performance report, 800 hours for a program management document, 6 hours for an annual report, 240 hours for an Assessment and Strategy document, 8 hours for an amendment, and 5 hours for documentation related to section 306A of the Coastal Zone Management Act.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 6,598.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$250.

IV. Request for Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: May 15, 2001.

Madeleine Clayton,

*Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer,
Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[Docket No. 001214351-1124-02]

RIN: 0648-ZB02

Dr. Nancy Foster Scholarship Program; Financial Assistance for Graduate Students

AGENCY: National Ocean Service (NOS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce is announcing funding availability for graduate students pursuing masters or doctoral level degrees in oceanography, marine biology, or maritime archaeology through the Dr. Nancy Foster Scholarship Program and is inviting applications for such scholarships. Applicants who have submitted an application for a Dr. Nancy Foster scholarship prior to the publication of this notice should review their applications and submit any revisions or supplemental materials necessary to comply with the application requirements or in recognition of the funding priorities and selection criteria set forth in this notice.

DATES: The Dr. Nancy Foster Scholarship Program application period opened March 26, 2001, 66 FR 16445, and will close June 21, 2001. Applications must be postmarked by the closing date. Scholarship awards will be announced on or about July 19, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Applications should be sent to the Dr. Nancy Foster Scholarship Program, Attention: Office of the Assistant Administrator, 13th Floor, National Ocean Service, 1305 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910. Copies of form CD-511 may be requested from this address or may be downloaded from the Department of Commerce Web site: <http://www.doc.gov>. Information on the scholarship program may be obtained from the Web site: <http://fosterscholars.noaa.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Nancy Foster Scholarship Program, Office of the Assistant Administrator, 13th Floor, National Ocean Service, 1305 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (301-713-3074).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Authority: The Dr. Nancy Foster Scholarship Program is authorized by the National Marine Sanctuaries Amendments Act of 2000 (Pub. L. 106-513) to recognize

outstanding scholarship in oceanography, marine biology, or maritime archaeology, particularly by women and members of minority groups, and encourage independent graduate-level research through financial support of graduate studies in such fields.

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance: This program is listed under CFDA #11.460, titled Special Oceanic and Atmospheric Projects.

Program Description: The Dr. Nancy Foster Scholarship Program provides support for independent graduate-level studies in oceanography, marine biology, or maritime archaeology, particularly by women and members of minority groups. Gender and minority status is not considered when selecting award recipients. However, special outreach efforts are employed to solicit applications from women and minorities. Scholarships are distributed by disciplines, institutions and geography, and by the degree type and level being sought, with selections within distributions based on financial need, the potential for success in a graduate studies program, and the potential for achieving research and career goals. The program is administered through NOAA's National Ocean Service and is funded annually with 1% of the amount appropriated each fiscal year to carry out the National Marine Sanctuaries Act.

Funding Availability: For the 2001–2002 academic year, Dr. Nancy Foster Scholarships may provide support of up to \$28,800 per student: a 12-month stipend of \$16,800, in addition to a tuition allowance of up to \$12,000. A maximum of \$57,600 may be provided to masters students (up to two years of support) and up to \$115,200 may be provided to doctoral students (up to four years of support). For the 2001–2002 academic year, NOAA expects to award five scholarships. The annual stipend will be paid directly to the scholar. The stipend is intended to defray cost-of-living expenses, and not to support research costs. NOAA anticipates the student and their faculty advisor will secure research funds independent of the scholarship. Tuition and academic fees will be negotiated between the academic institution and the Dr. Nancy Foster Scholarship program manager at NOAA prior to the start of studies. This negotiation is intended to levy scholarship funds and enhance opportunities for scholarship recipients. In those instances in which tuition and academic fees are not totally waived by the academic institution, the tuition allowance in an amount equal to the tuition and fees not waived (but not

to exceed \$12,000) will be paid directly to the scholar to remittance to the academic institution. If tuition and fees are reduced or waived by the academic institution, then that portion of the tuition allowance not needed (*i.e.*, up to \$12,000 in the case of a total waiver) will be retained by NOAA for future scholarships. No money will be paid directly to the student from the tuition allowance for purposes other than the payment of tuition and fees.

Specific instructions regarding the disbursement, management, and reporting requirements for all stipend and tuition allowance payments will be provided at a later date. The awarding of funds beyond the first year will be based on availability of funds, continued eligibility of the student, periodic certification by the academic institution that adequate academic progress is being made, and compliance with applicable reporting requirements. At its discretion, each academic institution may supplement a scholar's stipend from institutional funds in accordance with the supplementation policy of the institution.

Matching Requirements: There are no matching requirements for an award.

Type of Funding Instrument: Grant.

Eligibility Criteria: Only United States citizens currently pursuing or intending to pursue a masters or doctoral level degree in oceanography, marine biology, or maritime archaeology, including the curation, preservation, and display of maritime artifacts, are eligible for an award under this scholarship program. Prospective scholars do not need to be enrolled or admitted to a graduate-level program in order to apply for this scholarship. However, funds will not be released before the applicant is accepted to an accredited institution in the United States with a program emphasis in the areas described above, and certification to that effect has been received by NOAA from that institution. Studies must be conducted on a full-time basis. Recipients of scholarship awards may be employed at the time of the award if it is a requirement of their degree program or directly related to their research effort. Other forms of employment will not be allowed and scholars will be required to submit a letter certifying that they are in compliance with this requirement. Eligibility must be maintained for each succeeding year of support and annual reporting requirements, to be specified at a later date, will apply.

Award Period: This call for applications is for studies beginning in the fall 2001. Stipends will cover a 12 month period. Masters students may be

supported for up to two years, and doctoral students for up to four years.

Indirect Costs: No indirect costs will be paid on this award.

Applications: Applications for Dr. Nancy Foster Scholarships are invited. Applications were first invited by **Federal Register** notice on March 26, 2001 (66 FR 16445) with certain needed information only appearing on NOAA's website for the program, <http://fosterscholars.noaa.gov>. Today's notice contains all necessary information and announces a closing date of June 21, 2001 for the submission of applications. Applicants who submitted an application for a Dr. Nancy Foster scholarship in response to the March 26, 2001, notice should review their applications and submit any revisions or supplemental materials necessary to comply with the application requirements or in recognition of the funding priorities and selection criteria set forth in this notice. Applications and revisions or supplements to applications previously submitted must be postmarked by the closing date. Scholarship awards will be announced on or about July 19, 2001.

Applications: Each application must include these following items:

- (I) General Information Sheet
- (II) Statement of Intent
- (III) Institute Certification (for those applicants who are currently enrolled in a graduate program for which support is requested, or who have received acceptance for fall 2001 enrollment in a graduate program for which support is requested)
- (IV) Transcripts
- (V) Three Letters of Recommendation
- (VI) Declaration

Applicants who have submitted an application for a Dr. Nancy Foster scholarship prior to the publication of this notice should review their applications and submit any revisions or supplemental materials necessary (*e.g.*, Declaration) to comply with the application requirements or in recognition of the funding priorities and selection criteria set forth in this notice.

I. General Information Sheet

Personal Data: Provide your full name, country of citizenship, current address, permanent address, and home and work telephone numbers. If you can be reached by fax or e-mail, include that information. Optional—for statistical collection purposes only: Indicate your gender and whether you are Hispanic or Latino and indicate your race by selecting one or more of the following: American Indian or Alaska Native, Asian, Black or African-American,

Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander, or White.

Degree Sought: State your proposed field of study (oceanography, marine biology or maritime archaeology) and degree type you are seeking (e.g., M.S., M.A., Ph.D). Include the month and year you expect the degree to be awarded. If you have selected a school, state the name and location. If you have not yet selected a school, list your proposed field of study, degree type you are seeking, and state that you have not yet selected a school.

Education: List the academic degrees you have received, or expect to receive by the start of your proposed graduate studies for this program, including the date and institution.

Funding Resources: List all resources you have available to assist you in your graduate studies (e.g., grants, student loans, scholarships).

Publications: If you have published in the technical literature, provide a bibliography. If you have not published, write "NA."

Experience: List relevant experience only (e.g., unpaid employment, military service, internships, residencies, special studies, volunteer work). Give dates and a short description of your duties in each position, starting with the most recent. Include the names, addresses and phone numbers of employers.

II. Statement of Intent

The Statement of Intent is a self-description of your academic, research, and career goals, and how your proposed course of study or research will help you achieve these goals. Include any background information you believe is pertinent, and provide insight into why you have chosen the goals you are pursuing. Provide a descriptive title for your research project if any, or your research area of interest if you do not have a specific research project selected. This statement should demonstrate your organizational, analytical, and written communication skills. The Statement of Intent should be typewritten, single-spaced on a blank piece of paper, and should not exceed one page in length.

III. Institute Certification

For those applicants who are currently enrolled in a graduate program for which support is requested, or who have received acceptance for fall 2001 enrollment in a graduate program for which support is requested, a letter from the institution certifying this must be submitted with your application. The letter should consist of the following information on school letterhead and be signed by a school official: Name and

location of the academic institution, the school and department that you currently are attending or plan to attend, and the month and year your studies will begin if you are not currently enrolled. If you have a graduate advisor, list his/her name, address, phone, fax, and e-mail, if available, in the Institute Certification portion of your application. For students not yet accepted to an institution, if selected as an award recipient, a letter from the institution certifying this must be submitted to NOAA before funds can be released.

IV. Transcripts

Provide official transcripts for all previous university/college-level studies.

V. Three Letters of Recommendation

Each application must include three letters of recommendation from individuals who have knowledge of your academic record, research effort, work and/or life experience. Relevant unpaid work, such as internships and volunteer efforts, is applicable. If you have a sponsor or advisor in the program, one of these letters should be from that individual. Letters of recommendation sent apart from the application will not be accepted.

VI. Declaration

Applicants must certify that all statements and information in their applications are true and correct by copying the following on a plain piece of paper, signing it, and including it in their application:

I, the undersigned, declare, under penalty of perjury, that all statements and information in my application are true and correct.

Executed on [insert date]/

Print or Type Name: _____

Signature: _____

Funding Priorities: The priority of the program is to fund independent graduate-level studies in oceanography, marine biology, or maritime archaeology with scholarships distributed by disciplines, institutions and geography, and by the degree type and level being sought, with selections within distributions based on financial need, the potential for success in a graduate studies program, and the potential for achieving research and career goals.

Evaluation Criteria: The evaluation criteria and their weights are as follows: a) financial need (30%); b) academic record (25%); c) recommendations (25%); d) organizational, analytical, and written communication skills based on statement of intent (10%); and e)

research and career goals and objectives (10%).

Selection Procedures: An advisory panel of experts will review applications based on the evaluation criteria and provide a numerical score for each one. These scores will be used by the selecting official in his/her selection of the recipients of a Dr. Nancy Foster Scholarship. In making final selections, the selecting official will consider availability of funds, distribution of awards across disciplines, institutions and geography, and the degree type and level being sought and will base selections within distributions by score. Therefore, scholarship awards will not necessarily be made to the applications receiving the highest scores.

Announcement of Awards: The names, academic institutions, degrees being sought, research plans, and biographical information of the scholarship awardees will be posted on NOAA's National Ocean Service Web site and may be published in marketing materials developed to advertise the Dr. Nancy Foster Scholarship Program.

Other Requirements:

(1) **Federal Policies and Procedures**—All scholarship recipients are subject to all Federal laws and Federal and DoC policies, regulations, and procedures applicable to Federal financial assistance awards.

(2) **Past Performance**—Unsatisfactory performance under prior Federal awards may result in an application not being considered for funding.

(3) **Preaward Activities**—If applicants incur any costs prior to an award being made, they do so solely at their own risk of not being reimbursed by the Government. Notwithstanding any verbal or written assurance that may have been received, there is no obligation on the part of DoC to cover preaward costs.

(4) **No Obligation for Future Funding**—If an application is selected for funding, DoC has no obligation to provide any additional future funding in connection with that award. Renewal of an award to increase funding or extend the period of performance is at the total discretion of DoC.

(5) **Delinquent Federal Debts**—No award of Federal funds shall be made to an applicant who has an outstanding delinquent Federal debt until either:

- i. The delinquent account is paid in full,
- ii. A negotiated repayment schedule is established and at least one payment is received, or
- iii. Other arrangements satisfactory to DoC are made.

(6) *Name Check Review*—A name check will be conducted on the individuals selected for the scholarship. Name checks are intended to reveal if any applicants have been convicted of or are presently facing criminal charges such as fraud, theft, perjury, or other matters which significantly reflect on the applicant's management honesty or financial integrity.

(7) *Recipient Certifications*—All scholarship recipients must submit a completed Form CD-511 (See **ADDRESSES**), "Certifications Regarding Debarment, Suspension and Other Responsibility Matters; Drug-Free Workplace Requirements and Lobbying," and the following explanations are provided:

i. *Nonprocurement Debarment and Suspension*. Prospective participants (as defined at 15 CFR Part 26, Section 105) are subject to 15 CFR Part 26, "Nonprocurement Debarment and Suspension" and the related section of the certification form prescribed above applies;

ii. *Drug-Free Workplace*. Grantees (as defined at 15 CFR Part 26, Section 605) are subject to 15 CFR Part 26, Subpart F, "Governmentwide Requirements for Drug-Free Workplace (Grants)" and the related section of the certification form prescribed above applies;

iii. *Anti-Lobbying*. Persons (as defined at 15 CFR Part 28, Section 105) are subject to the lobbying provisions of 31 U.S.C. 1352, "Limitation on use of appropriated funds to influence certain Federal contracting and financial transactions," and the lobbying section of the certification form prescribed above applies to applications/bids for grants, cooperative agreements, and contracts for more than \$100,000, and loans and loan guarantees for more than \$150,000, or the single family maximum mortgage limit for affected programs, whichever is greater; and

iv. *Anti-Lobbying Disclosures*. Any applicant that has paid or will pay for lobbying using any funds must submit an SF-LLL, "Disclosure of Lobbying Activities," as required under 15 CFR Part 28, Appendix B.

(8) *False Statements*—A false statement on an application is grounds for denial or termination of funds and grounds for possible punishment by a fine or imprisonment as provided in 18 U.S.C. 1001.

(9) *Classification*—This document contains collection-of-information requirements subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA). This application has been approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under control number 0648-0432. Public reporting burden for this collection of

information is estimated to average 5 hours for an application and 45 minutes per letter of recommendation. These estimates include the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. This document also requires use of a SF-LLL, which has been approved by OMB under control number 0348-0046. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no person is required to respond to, nor shall any person be subject to a penalty for failure to comply with, a collection-of-information subject to the PRA, unless that collection displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Applications under this program are not subject to Executive Order 12372, Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs.

This action has been determined to be not significant for purposes of Executive Order 12866.

Dated: May 15, 2001.

Scott B. Gudes,

Acting Administrator, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 051601D]

New England Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The New England Fishery Management Council (Council) is scheduling a public meeting of its Groundfish Oversight Committee in June, 2001. Recommendations from the committee will be brought to the full Council for formal consideration and action, if appropriate.

DATES: The meeting will held on Monday, June 4, 2001, at 9:30 a.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the DoubleTree Hotel, 1230 Congress Street, Portland, ME 04102; telephone: (207) 774-5611.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paul J. Howard, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council (978) 465-0492.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Groundfish Oversight Committee will continue development of management alternatives for Amendment 13 to the Northeast Multispecies Fishery Management Plan. The Committee will review alternatives developed by the Groundfish Plan Development Team and incorporate measures identified over the past year into the management alternatives. While the Committee has been developing measures that fall into three broad approaches - refinements to the status quo, area management, and sector allocation - most of the effort at this meeting will be on refining the status quo option. The Committee will consider alternatives that include possible reductions in days-at-sea allocations and use. Other measures that may be discussed include the use of trip or possession limits, modifications to seasonal and year-round closed areas, changes to gear requirements, and recreational fishing measures. These efforts will lead to development of recommended management alternatives that will be taken to public hearing in the future. Proposed maximum sustainable yield control rules will be reviewed to clarify changes suggested by the Council and the Committee.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this group for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically listed in this notice and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under section 305 (c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take final action to address the emergency.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Paul J. Howard (see **ADDRESSES**) at least 5 days prior to the meeting dates.

Dated: May 17, 2001.

Richard W. Surdi,

Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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FORM **CD-346**
(REV. 03-00) LF
DAO 207-10

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

DO NOT COMPLETE THIS SECTION

APPLICANT FOR FUNDING ASSISTANCE

DATE OF REQUEST

- NAME CHECK
- IDENTIFICATION CHECK

INSTRUCTIONS: Please type or print clearly. Information below will be used for investigation of named person's or firm's character and/or integrity. In answer to question 11 below, the fact that you may have a conviction record or have criminal charges pending against you will not necessarily disqualify you. An incorrect answer may cause your application to be turned down. Please read Privacy Act Advisory Statement on reverse of form.

1. NAME OF APPLICANT <i>(If no middle name use (NMN). Also list former names used).</i> LAST FIRST MIDDLE MAIDEN SPOUSE				5. NAME AND ADDRESS OF FIRM <i>(Post Office Box is not sufficient)</i> 	
				6. PHONE NUMBER OF FIRM	7. REGIONAL OFFICE

2. DATE OF BIRTH	3. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER <i>(Voluntary)</i>	8. U.S. CITIZEN? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <i>(If no, give alien registration number)</i>	
4. PLACE OF BIRTH			

9. EMPLOYMENT <i>(Last 3 years)</i> FROM TO EMPLOYER NAME AND COMPLETE ADDRESS		
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10. RESIDENCE <i>(Last 3 years)</i> FROM TO COMPLETE ADDRESS		
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11. HAVE YOU EVER BEEN CONVICTED OF A CRIMINAL OFFENSE OR ARE CRIMINAL CHARGES PENDING AGAINST YOU? <i>(You may omit minor traffic violations for which you forfeited \$50.00 or less).</i> <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <i>(If yes, please furnish details on the reverse side of this form).</i>	
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12. RESULTS OF CHECK <i>(Government Use Only)</i> 	
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With knowledge of 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 42 U.S.C. 3220 which provide for criminal penalties for the making of false statements, the undersigned hereby certifies that the above information is correct.

SIGNATURE	DATE
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PRIVACY ACT ADVISORY STATEMENT

The Privacy Act of 1974 (P.L. 93-479) requires that you be given certain information in connection with: (a) The request for information solicited on Form CD-346; or (b) The request for your Social Security Number. Accordingly, pursuant to the requirements of the Act, please be advised:

THE AUTHORITY FOR THE COLLECTION OF THIS DATA IS: 42 USC 3211(12); as well as the responsibilities cited in the Inspector General Act of 1978, Sec. 4(a)(3)

THE PRINCIPAL PURPOSE(S) FOR WHICH THE DATA WILL BE USED IS:

Information is used to establish good character of principal officers and employees of organizations, firms or recipients or beneficiaries of grants, loans, or loan guarantee programs that may receive grants, loans, or guarantees from the U.S. Department of Commerce.

YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER IS VOLUNTARY DATA, BUT PROVIDING YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER MAY REDUCE DELAYS IN THE REVIEW PROCESS.

QUESTION 11 CONTINUATION:

PREFATORY STATEMENT OF GENERAL ROUTINE USES

The following routine uses apply to, and are incorporated by reference into, each system of records set forth below:

1. In the event that a system of records maintained by the department to carry out its functions indicates a violation or potential violation of law or contract, whether civil, criminal or regulatory in nature, and whether arising by general statute or particular program statute or contract, or rule, regulation, or order issued pursuant thereto, or the necessity to protect an interest of the Department, the relevant records in the system of records may be referred, as a routine use, to the appropriate agency, whether federal, state, local or foreign, charged with the responsibility of investigating or prosecuting such violation or charged with enforcing or implementing the statute or contract, or rule, regulation or order issued pursuant thereto, or protecting the interest of the Department.
2. A record from this system of records may be disclosed, as a routine use, to a Federal, state or local agency maintaining civil, criminal or other relevant enforcement information or other pertinent information, such as current licenses if necessary to obtain information relevant to a Department decision concerning the hiring or retention of an individual, the issuance of a security clearance, the letting of a contract, or the issuance of a license, grant or other benefit.
3. A record from this system may be disclosed, as a routine use, to a Federal, state, or local, or international agency, in response to its request, in connection with the assignment, hiring or retention of an individual, the issuance of a security clearance, the reporting of an investigation of an individual, the letting of a contract, or the issuance of a license, grant, or other benefit by the requesting agency, to the extent that the information is relevant and necessary to the requesting agency's decision on the matter.
4. A record from this system of records may be disclosed, as a routine use in the course of presenting evidence to a court, magistrate or administrative tribunal, including disclosures to opposing counsel in the course of settlement negotiations.
5. A record in this system of records may be disclosed, as a routine use, to a Member of Congress submitting a request involving an individual when the individual has requested assistance from the Member with respect to the subject matter of the record.
6. A record in this system of records which contains medical information may be disclosed, as a routine use, to the medical advisor of any individual submitting a request for access to the record under the Act and 15 CFR Part 4b if, in the sole judgement of the Department, disclosure could have an adverse effect upon the individual, under the provision of 5 U.S.C. 552a(f) (3) and implementing regulations at 15 CFR 4b.6.
7. Deleted, Reserved.
8. A record in this system of records may be disclosed, as a routine use, to the Office of Management and Budget in connection with the review of private relief legislation as set forth in OMB Circular No. A-19 at any state of the legislative coordination and clearance process as set forth in that Circular.
9. A record in this system may be disclosed, as a routine use, to the Department of Justice in connection with determining whether disclosure thereof is required by the Freedom of Information Act 5 U.S.C. 552.
10. A record from this system of records may be disclosed, as a routine use, to a contractor of the Department having need for the information in the performance of the contract, but not operating a system of records within the meaning of 5 U.S.C. 552a(m).
11. Deleted, Reserved.
12. A record in this system may be transferred, as a routine use, to the Office of Personnel Management for personnel research purposes; as a data source for management information; for the production of summary descriptive statistics and analytical studies in support of the function for which the records are collected and maintained; or for related man-power studies.
13. A record in this system of records may be disclosed, as a routine use, to the Archivist of the United States, National Archives & Records Administration (NARA), or his designee, during an inspection of records conducted by NARA as part of that agency's responsibility to recommend improvements in records management practices and programs, under authority of 44 U.S.C. 2904 and 2906. Such disclosure shall be made in accordance with the NARA regulations governing inspection of records for this purpose, and other relevant (i.e., NARA or Commerce) directive. Such disclosure shall not be used to make determinations about individuals.

Notwithstanding any other provision of the law, no person is required to respond to, nor shall any person be subject to a penalty for failure to comply with, a collection of information subject to the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act, unless that collection of information displays a currently valid OMB Control Number.

The public reporting burden for this collection is estimated to average 15 minutes per response including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden to: Office of Inspector General, Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230.

(a subsidiary of Kitoku Shinryo Co., Ltd.);” “Newfield Partners Ltd., Miami, Florida” to “Newfieldrice, Inc., Miami, Florida;” “The Connell Company, Westfield, New Jersey” to “The Connell Company, Berkeley Heights, New Jersey.”

A copy of the amended certificate will be kept in the International Trade Administration’s Freedom of Information Records Inspection Facility, Room 4102, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230.

Effective Date: January 10, 2001.

Dated: April 23, 2001.

Vanessa M. Bachman,

Acting Director, Office of Export Trading Company Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 042501A]

Dr. Nancy Foster Scholarship Program

AGENCY: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

ACTION: Proposed information collection; comment request.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Pub. L. 104–13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before June 29, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Madeleine Clayton, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6086, 14th and Constitution Avenue NW, Washington DC 20230 (or via Internet at MClayton@doc.gov).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Joanne Flanders, N, Room 13154, 1305 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910–3282 (phone 301–713–3074, ext. 133).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The Dr. Nancy Foster Scholarship Program recognizes outstanding

scholarship by providing financial support to graduate students pursuing masters and doctoral degrees in the areas of marine biology, oceanography, and maritime archaeology. Applicants must submit documentation that NOAA uses to select candidates, including three letters of recommendation. Persons receiving scholarships will be required to submit certain reports and other information detailed below.

II. Method of Collection

No forms are used. Respondents meet solicitation or award requirements with paper submissions. Electronic submissions are being considered.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0648–0432.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 400.

Estimated Time Per Response: 5 hours per application, 45 minutes for a letter of recommendation, 15 minutes for an employment/non-employment certification, 15 minutes for a Selective Service Statement from a male awardee, 30 minutes for an academic progress report, 30 minutes for an approved study/research plan certification from the awardee’s school advisor, 30 minutes for an annual financial request, and 90 minutes for a biography and photo from each awardee.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 747.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$44.

IV. Request for Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency’s estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: April 24, 2001.

Madeleine Clayton,

Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

[FR Doc. 01–10658 Filed 4–27–01; 8:45 am]

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 042501B]

Saltonstall-Kennedy Grant Program (S-K Program) Applications and Reports

AGENCY: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

ACTION: Proposed information collection; comment request.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Pub. L. 104–13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Alicia Jarboe, F/SF2, Room 13112, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910–3282 (phone 301–713–2358, ext. 199).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The S–K Program provides financial assistance on a competitive basis for research and development projects that benefit U.S. fishing communities. In addition to standard Federal government grant application requirements, S–K applications must provide a project summary form (NOAA Form 88–204), use NOAA Form 88–0205 instead of SF–424A for budget information, and provide nine copies of applications. Successful grants applicants are required to submit semi-annual progress reports and a final report.

“(A) draws its membership from individuals, private organizations, corporations, academic institutions, or State and local governments; and

“(B) is established to promote the understanding of, education relating to, and the conservation of the resources of a particular sanctuary or 2 or more related sanctuaries.”.

SEC. 18. ESTABLISHMENT OF DR. NANCY FOSTER SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM.

The National Marine Sanctuaries Act (16 U.S.C. 1431 et seq.) is amended by inserting after section 317 the following:

16 USC 1445c.

“SEC. 318. DR. NANCY FOSTER SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM.

“(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary shall establish and administer through the National Ocean Service the Dr. Nancy Foster Scholarship Program. Under the program, the Secretary shall award graduate education scholarships in oceanography, marine biology or maritime archeology, to be known as Dr. Nancy Foster Scholarships.

“(b) PURPOSES.—The purposes of the Dr. Nancy Foster Scholarship Program are—

“(1) to recognize outstanding scholarship in oceanography, marine biology, or maritime archeology, particularly by women and members of minority groups; and

“(2) to encourage independent graduate level research in oceanography, marine biology, or maritime archeology.

“(c) AWARD.—Each Dr. Nancy Foster Scholarship—

“(1) shall be used to support graduate studies in oceanography, marine biology, or maritime archeology at a graduate level institution of higher education; and

“(2) shall be awarded in accordance with guidelines issued by the Secretary.

“(d) DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS.—The amount of each Dr. Nancy Foster Scholarship shall be provided directly to a recipient selected by the Secretary upon receipt of certification that the recipient will adhere to a specific and detailed plan of study and research approved by a graduate level institution of higher education.

“(e) FUNDING.—Of the amount available each fiscal year to carry out this title, the Secretary shall award 1 percent as Dr. Nancy Foster Scholarships.

“(f) SCHOLARSHIP REPAYMENT REQUIREMENT.—The Secretary shall require an individual receiving a scholarship under this section to repay the full amount of the scholarship to the Secretary if the Secretary determines that the individual, in obtaining or using the scholarship, engaged in fraudulent conduct or failed to comply with any term or condition of the scholarship.

“(g) MARITIME ARCHEOLOGY DEFINED.—In this section the term ‘maritime archeology’ includes the curation, preservation, and display of maritime artifacts.”.

SEC. 19. CLERICAL AMENDMENTS.

(a) CORRECTION OF REFERENCES TO FORMER COMMITTEE.—The following provisions are amended by striking “Merchant Marine and Fisheries” and inserting “Resources”:

(1) Section 303(b)(2)(A) (16 U.S.C. 1433(b)(2)(A)).

(2) Section 304(a)(6) (16 U.S.C. 1434(a)(6)).

(b) CORRECTION OF REFERENCE TO RENAMED ACT.—(1) Section 302(2) is amended to read as follows:

16 USC 1432.