



SCUBA CONNECTION

LEADERSHIP TRAINING GRANT

2024 Beneath the Sea Leadership Training Grant Sponsored by Scuba Connection

Scuba Connection shall provide qualified individuals who have the passion and drive to become dive leaders the opportunity to become a NAUI instructor. This individual should share in the love for the underwater world and the desire to promote and educated others in safe diving practices and environmental awareness.

- Prerequisites for this training grant:
 1. Must complete the appropriate waivers as required for all NAUI courses.
 2. Must complete and submit a medical questionnaire as required for all NAUI courses.
 - a. An additional requirement which is beyond the standards for some courses; the medical questionnaire must be signed by a qualified physician regardless of if all items are checked no.
 - b. A medical questionnaire will be requested annually during the program.
 3. Must be a certified Advance Open Water Diver with a minimum of 25 verified dives. Certification can be from any diving agency recognized by the RTSC (Recreational Scuba Training Council).
 4. Must have the ability to or willingness to train to be able to:
 - a. Swim under water a distance of at least 25 yards with one breath
 - b. Swim 450 yards in less than 10 minutes
 - c. Perform a 20-minute survival swim in water deeper than one can stand
 - d. With the use of mask, snorkel and fins, swim 900 yards in less than 18 minutes
 5. Must have the willingness to train to be able to:
 - a. Complete all require watermanship skills as required to meet NAUI Instructor level standard.
 6. Must be willing to participate and volunteer in any Group activity related to cleanups orcommunity building activities:
 - a. Annual Clean Up typically hosted mid-September Round Valley Reservoir
 - b. Special fundraisers, snorkeling for kids – YMCA, Scuba Santa etc.
 - c. Training grant activities which are offered to other young adults for scuba certifications.
- The approximate time for training will vary by applicant and can be completed in as little as 12 months with a maximum completion time of 24 months.
- Training includes:
 1. Mentorship by a dedicated and qualified leadership and training team
 2. All associated eLearning packages for courses required or as needed.
 3. Certifications included in the training which will lead to a qualifying status to officially enter a NAUI Instructor program.
 - a. Nitrox – if not earned
 - b. Drysuit diver – if not earned
 - c. Rescue Diver
 - d. Master Diver



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- e. NAUI Diving First Aid for Professionals
 - f. Assistant Instructor
 - g. Instructor
4. Use of scuba equipment as needed until the trainee can purchase own equipment. The trainee will receive special discounts as well as interest free payment options on equipment offered by Scuba Connection. Ownership of personal equipment is an essential part of the sport specifically as a dive leader.
- This Training Grant does not include:
 1. Additional costs related to group travel regardless of if training conducted while on some trips. Travel is always optional, never required as part of the training grant.
 2. Additional costs related to entry fees into parks or quarries for training. Currently we use a quarry in PA which charges \$65.00 per day for entry. If reduced fees are offered to our group, they will be offered to the trainee. Most other locations are free to enter or have a minimal park entry fee typically under \$15.00
 3. Fees for training or certifications not listed above in the included list.
 - All Training included in the program must be conducted by SCUBA CONNECTION.
 - Applicants must complete the Beneath the Sea Scholarships and Training Grant application by the required deadline. Applicants should explain why they would like to be a part of this program and how they intend to use this training to advance opportunities for others in the essay section of the application.
 - Up to one training grant can be awarded annually. Beneath the Sea shall have the right to review applicants and forward with recommendations 2 to 3 applicants to Scuba Connection for final review and award. Finalists will be asked to supply copies of all earned diving related certifications as well as copies of the most recent 5 dive log pages.

The goal of this training grant is to provide an excellent opportunity for training to an individual that has the desire to pass along the wonderful benefits of this sport to others. Although it is not required that an individual continue to teach with Scuba Connection, it would be a plus. We have an excellent united team which all share the same love and passion for the sport.