

Destin Fire Control District 2024 Junior Lifeguard Program

Academic Credit/Scholarship Program

Academic Credit/Scholarship Selection Criteria and Administrative Procedures

The Destin Fire Control District (the “District”) offers a Junior Lifeguard Academic Credit Program in conjunction with the Okaloosa County School District (the “County”) under which eligible applicants entering the 9th or 10th grade within the County may earn 1 elective Credit (1/2 Water Safety and 1/2 Intermediate Swimming) and receive a scholarship for the full cost of the Junior Lifeguard Program. This policy describes the selection criteria and administrative procedures that apply to the academic credit/scholarship program.

Legal Background

The District is an independent special fire control district as established by the State of Florida under Chapter 2000-417. The District is classified as a state government entity.

Selection criteria and procedures for the academic credit/scholarship program are described below, and are organized as follows: (i) academic credit/scholarship eligibility requirements, (ii) selection criteria under which recipients are selected, and (iii) general administrative requirements relating to the scholarship program.

Academic Credit/Scholarship Eligibility Requirements

1. **Educational Experience.** Each applicant must be entering either the 9th or 10th grade at a public school located in the Okaloosa County School District.
2. **Minimum Grades.** Each applicant must have earned a cumulative grade point average of 2.5 or higher. Each applicant must provide a certified or other official transcript or record as evidence of these grade requirements, or cause his or her school to directly provide such transcripts or record to the District.
3. **Completion of Application.** The applicant must complete the entire application required by the District, including providing all documentation requested in the application or otherwise requested by the District.
4. **Deposit to Hold Registration Slot.** The applicant must pay a minimum deposit of fifty dollars (\$50.00) to reserve a spot in the Junior Lifeguard Program. If the applicant is awarded an academic credit/scholarship, the deposit will be returned.
5. **Prohibited Family Relationship.** Each applicant must **not** have a family or business relationship with any member of the Junior Lifeguard Program Academic Credit/Scholarship Committee.

Selection Criteria

The Junior Lifeguard Program Academic Credit/Scholarship Committee (the “Committee”) is responsible for selecting academic credit/scholarship recipients from all eligible applicants. The Committee shall base its selection of academic credit/scholarship recipients on the following:

1. Eligibility. Each academic credit/scholarship recipient shall meet all eligibility requirements described above.
2. Objective and Non-discriminatory Selection Procedure. The Committee shall select academic credit/scholarship recipients who, in the reasoned view of the Committee, are the most deserving of scholarship awards based upon the objective criteria described below. The Committee shall select academic credit/scholarship recipients on an objective and non-discriminatory basis, without regard to gender, race, religion, national origin, or personal handicap.
3. Applicant Interviews: Essays. The Committee may, but is not required to, interview academic credit/scholarship applicants, and may require candidates to submit essays on topics relevant to the Committee.
4. Objective Criteria. The Committee may consider only the following objective criteria in selecting scholarship recipients:
 - a. Prior academic performance;
 - b. Participation in school, extracurricular, athletic, and community activities;
 - c. Recommendation from instructors or members of the community; and,
 - d. Conclusions that the Committee members draw from a personal interview, from essays, or from other written materials submitted in the application process that demonstrate the applicant’s motivation, character, ability, and potential.

The Committee shall apply the criteria in a reasonable and objective manner. However, the Committee is not required to place the same weight upon each of the criteria for each candidate, and need not determine that all criteria exist for each candidate.

General Administrative Requirements

1. Scholarship Amount; Number of Scholarships. The number of the academic credit/scholarship awards granted will be determined by the District in its sole discretion. Each scholarship will equal the cost of program enrollment.
2. Scholarship Duration. Each academic credit/scholarship award is made for the full six week program (both sessions).

OKALOOSA CO. SCHOOL DISTRICT / DESTIN FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT

**SCHOOL DISTRICT PE CREDIT APPLICATION
Jr. Lifeguard Program Registration**

(Please Print)

Today's date:					
STUDENT INFORMATION					
Student's last name:			First:		Middle:
Student Number (offreport card)					
School / 2023-2024			Grade / 2024-2025		
Street Address					
City			State	Zip	

PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION					
Father's name:					
Address:					
Phone: Home		Work		Cell	
Mother's name:					
Address:					
Phone: Home		Work		Cell	
Guardian's name:					
Address:					
Phone: Home		Work		Cell	

If both parents are unavailable, please list another person to contact in case of an emergency					
Emergency Contact:		Name:			
Phone: Home		Work		Cell	
Emergency Contact:		Name:			
Phone: Home		Work		Cell	

Medical conditions to be aware of:	
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**OKALOOSA CO. SCHOOL DISTRICT / DESTIN FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT
SCHOOL CREDIT EVALUATION
Teacher Evaluation Form**

***Recommendations are required from three different teachers.
Complete all requested information on the recommendation form.***

(Please Print)

Today's date:

STUDENT INFORMATION

Student's last name:

First:

Middle:

Student's School:

Student's Grade:

TEACHER INFORMATION

Name of Evaluator:

School:

Position:

The above student plans on participating in the Destin Fire Control District's summer Jr. Lifeguard Program. In cooperation with the Okaloosa County School Board, we have arranged for a small number of these participants to receive a P.E. / Elective credit for their successful completion of the program. Because the number of students being allowed to take the course for credit is limited, we want to make sure we select the most deserving students.

Please help us by completing the selection below and return it by fax (850) 837-6715, email: contact@destinfire.com or mail to the Destin Fire Control District no later than May 24th. If there are any questions, please call 850-837-8413.

Please rank the student on the following by circling the appropriate number (1 being the lowest and 5 being the highest)					
Attitude	1	2	3	4	5
Work Ethic	1	2	3	4	5
Cooperation	1	2	3	4	5
Team Work	1	2	3	4	5
Respect for authority	1	2	3	4	5
Willingness to follow rules	1	2	3	4	5

Additional Comments:

Signature of Evaluator:

Thank you for your assistance!!!

SCHOOL CREDIT EVALUATION Teacher Evaluation List

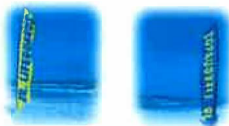
(Please Print)

Today's date:		
STUDENT INFORMATION		
Student's last name:	First:	Middle:

TEACHER INFORMATION		
(List three teachers who you will request evaluations from)		
Teacher Name:		
School:		
Phone Number:		
Teacher Name:		
School:		
Phone Number:		
Teacher Name:		
School:		
Phone Number:		

Please complete and return to the Destin Fire Control District:

Destin Fire Control District
848 Airport Road
Destin, FL 32541



DESTIN FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT JUNIOR LIFEGUARD

Summer - 2024

Electives Credit (1)-(½ Water Safety, ½ Intermediate Swimming)

Academic Course Syllabus

Attendance. Participants will be required to attend 85% of all scheduled days during (6) week program. Any changes for "Attendance Equivalents" must be approved. Note attendance verification for Academic Credit is based on attendance criteria established by the Okaloosa County School District. Planned absences should be approved by Academic Instructor.

- 1. Participants will agree to and sign "School Credit Demerit" agreement.**
- 2. Participants will receive a "Performance" evaluation from each Instructor at conclusion of program. Score is averaged based on number of Instructor evaluation scores.**
- 3. Participants will take a written test at conclusion of program. Test will include multiple-choice questions from all aspects of program (Beach Safety and Guest Speaker presentation programs)**
- 4. At least one (1) week prior to end of the Summer Program students will submit to instructor a written report in paragraph form covering all of the following topics:**
 - a. Paragraph 1: A location where the United States Lifesaving Association (USLA) is in operation; include information about its operation such as location, brief history, organizational structure, and some interesting facts about it.**
 - b. Paragraph 2: Research concerning one of the following: marine habitat, environment, or animal in our local area. (3-5 sentences)**
 - c. Paragraph 3: List three (3) occupations that you could do with the skills and information you have obtained in the Summer Program. List educational requirements of each job.**
 - d. Paragraph 4: Explain what you liked/enjoyed most about the Summer Program.**
 - e. Paragraph 5: Explain what you disliked/did not enjoy about the Summer Program.**
 - f. Paragraph 6: Explain what recommendations you would make to improve the Summer Program.**
 - g. At bottom: Print Name, Grade Level (entering), High School, contact number.**
 - h. Sign & Date report. *If hand written, must be legible. Note: Report will be graded grammatically with correct punctuation and spelling.**
- 5. Throughout program participants will actively attend and participate in operational activities assisting Instructors, at beginning, during and close of each day.**
- 6. After successful completion of course, academic credit will be reported to the Okaloosa School District offices verifying participant completion of course, grade earned and credit classification.**
- 7. Students must successfully complete the BoatsUS.org., Boater's Safety Course.**

Academic/Lead Instructor: Tom Miller
Contact: 850-496-3752 Email: tmiller@destinfire.com



School Credit Requirements

(This form pertains only to those taking Junior Lifeguard/Lifeguard in Training (LITs) for P.E. high school credit.)

Junior Lifeguards who are receiving high school credit are held to a higher standard than regular Junior Lifeguards. This means their entire session of Jr. Lifeguards is considered when cumulating their final grade.

To receive credit, the Okaloosa County School Board requires 135 hours of participation. Destin Junior Lifeguards are scheduled for 96 hours on the beach. The remaining hours are earned through attainment of the Boater's Safety Certification (On-Line) and 16 hours of participation at the Destin Aquatic Center. Completion of these hours, in total, will suffice the Okaloosa County School District's participation requirement. Absences from daily participation must be approved in advance by the course lead instructor. **PARTICIPATION IS REQUIRED FOR A GRADE!** If you have scheduled family vacation or the Junior Lifeguard/LIT has other obligations such as band, sports, etc. please take into consideration that they may not pass the course.

1. No more than 5 Junior Lifeguard / LIT Demerits

* Extra workouts may be used to cancel out demerits at instructor's discretion.*

The highest grade possible per demerit:

- 2 Demerits – B
- 3 Demerits – C
- 4 Demerits – D
- 5 Demerits – F

I have read, understand and agree to the terms and guidelines of the Jr. Lifeguard Program for School Credit.

Participant Name: _____

Participant Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____



DESTIN FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT
JR. LIFEGUARD PROGRAM ACADEMIC CREDIT – ELECTIVES
Summer 2024

At the conclusion of the Destin Fire Control District's Jr. Lifeguard Program each student will take the Junior Lifeguard Test. The multiple-choice test will be comprised of information and knowledge learned over the course of the program. To pass the course you will need to score 75 or higher, as well as satisfactory performance reports from your Instructor. Each student is encouraged to take the necessary steps to learn the material presented during the 6-week program. The test date will be provided in advance to the Academic juniors.

Questions on the test will be derived from the following categories all of which will be covered during the course: (Note: any not covered during the summer program will not be on the test.)

- a. Beach Flags – colors and purposes
- b. Types of currents and wave action found along the Gulf Coast
- c. Basic weather information
- d. Care of beached animals
- e. CPR & AED information/knowledge
- f. Basic First Aid skills
- g. Hydration
- h. Nutrition
- i. Skin Care
- j. Basic lifeguard skills
- k. Scuba Diving
- l. Boater Safety

Students are also encouraged, in the event that they miss a day when one of the above topics is covered, to work with the other students in the program to share information.

Please ask if you have any questions during the program regarding any aspect of the academic "Electives" credit you are working on.

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