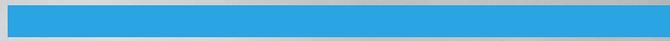




OCEAN YOUTH
ACADEMY

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM





WHO WE ARE

Ocean Youth Academy is a 501(c)3 non-profit founded by a passionate group of polar expedition guides, marine biologists, and outdoor educators aiming to create a sustainable education model that connects students with the ocean and the wonders of the natural world.

WHAT WE DO

Ocean Youth Academy's primary project is its flagship course, Polar Oceans. This course is an immersive, 10-session virtual expedition designed to give students the opportunity to explore both the northern and southern polar regions.

Our engaging course material is presented by OYA's real-life polar expedition guides. This allows students to gain a comprehensive understanding of our planet's most fragile and remote ecosystems, through the sharing of stories, videos and first-hand experiences. Each module is packed with activities, lessons and videos, and correlates with Next Generation Science Standards.

OUR FUTURE PLANS

Ocean Youth Academy is a young organization, however, we are already looking toward the future.

Over the next year, OYA will be implementing an in-person program that will bring students to the polar regions. OYA is in collaboration with polar expedition companies to help host a select group of Polar Oceans' students for an educational trip to the Arctic or Antarctic.

This educational trip to the polar regions is called the **Polar Explorers Program**. Any student who participates in and completes OYA's Polar Oceans course will have the opportunity to participate on an OYA sponsored polar expedition.

This is where you come in! Interested individuals and organizations have the ability to sponsor a Polar Explorer by creating their own scholarship fund.

Donors can give privately or create their own scholarships that provide financial support for students on sponsored expeditions.



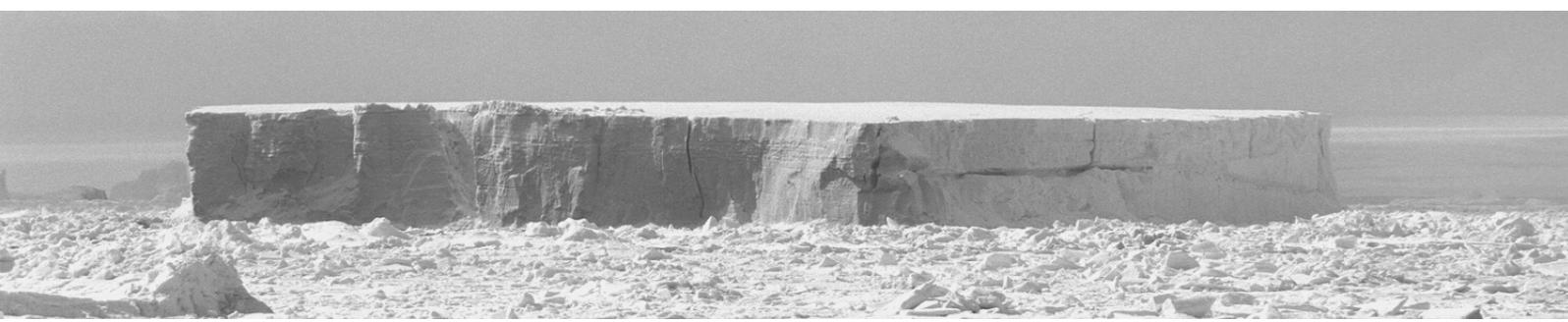


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Ocean Youth Academy is a firm believer that education should not be limited to students with financial means. In order to ensure that students of all socioeconomic backgrounds have an opportunity to participate in the Polar Explorers Program, we have developed a scholarship system that provides funding to all students who request it.

YOUTH PARTICIPANT PHILOSOPHY

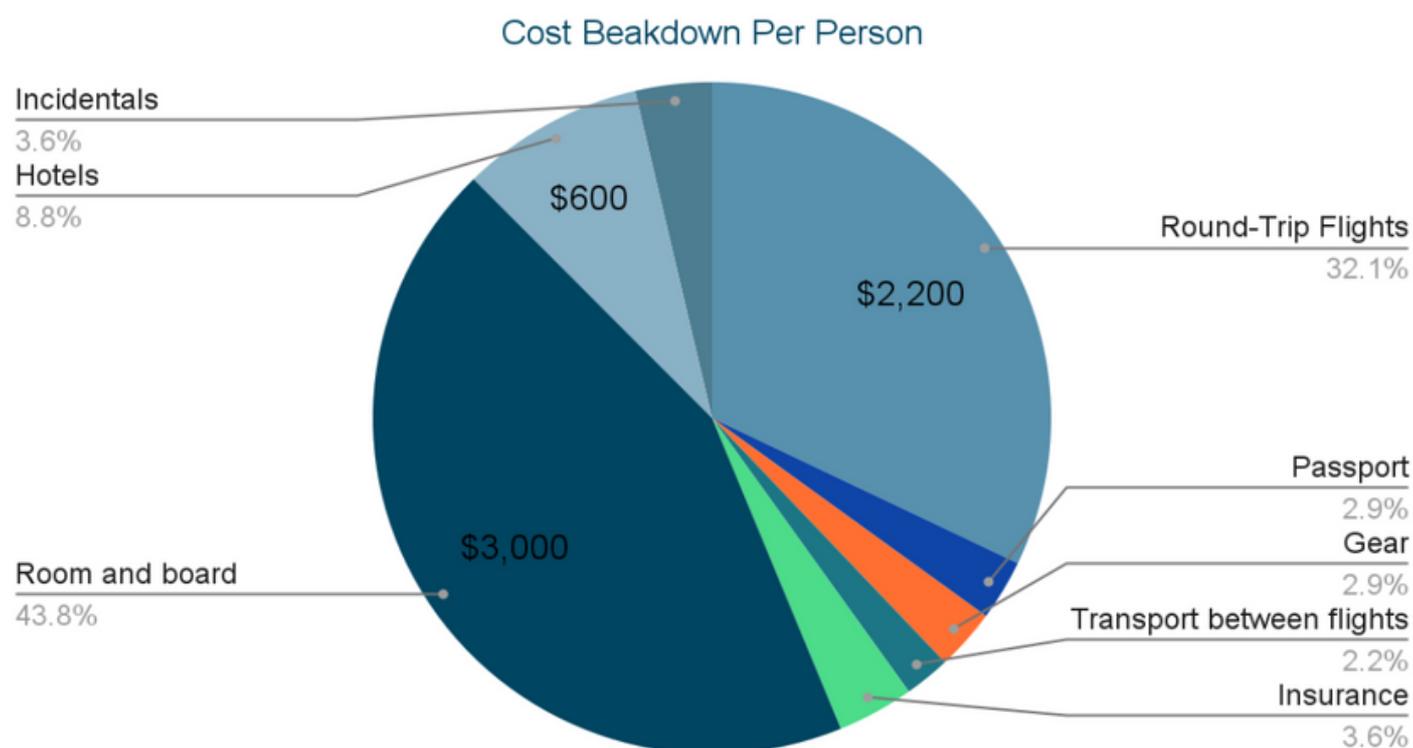
Youth participants in the OYA program must demonstrate that they want to participate for the right reasons. This is not a vacation experience. It is a learning journey that requires time, energy, commitment, passion and interest, that begins before the expedition through pre-learning content, and continues after the expedition as a member of a global group of OYA Alumni. Our youth expedition programs strive to achieve diversity across gender, race/ethnicity, and geography, with a particular focus on Black, Indigenous, and under-represented youth.





POLAR EXPLORERS PROGRAM

THE INVESTMENT



The total cost of this program per person is roughly calculated to be **\$6850 USD** per person. The cost of room and board and flights represent the largest variable in our calculation of total program cost.

The final cost per person will vary depending on the location and the specific trip participants in the Polar Explorers Program who are invited to attend.



HOW TO BECOME SCHOLARSHIP DONOR

Interested individuals are welcome to donate directly to the Scholarship Fund through the Ocean Youth Academy website by using the Donorbox link.

Alternatively, If a personalized or ear-tagged scholarship fund is desired, please reach out to to a member of our team at info@oceanyouthacademy.com, and they will be happy to assist you.

*Example of a personalized scholarship:
"The Earnest Shackleton Scholarship Fund"*

Personalized scholarships require a 2+ year commitment and full ride for at least one student for one trip.

All donations are IRS tax-deductible,

If requested, sponsors will be mentioned on media, website and newsletters produced through Ocean Youth Academy.

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