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SOBA Announces Student Applications for Spring 2025 Paul Bisso Beach Preservation Scholarship Now Being Accepted

Surfside Beach, Texas - The Save Our Beach Association (SOBA) has announced that applications for the Paul Bisso Beach Preservation Scholarship will be accepted from now until Monday, April 14, 2025. At least one scholarship of not more than \$2,000 will be awarded to a student accepted at an accredited two- or four-year college for a full-time status. The student may be either an undergraduate or postgraduate. Priority will be placed on Marine and Coastal Environmental Science or Coastal Studies and for students whose home of record is in Brazoria County.

At least one scholarship of \$2,000 will be awarded based on a rating system that includes the applicant's residence (with priority given to Brazoria County); chosen field of study (preferably coastal sciences); the amount of community service devoted (such as SOBA's own "Dune Days"); and an essay on how the student's career plans meet the mission of SOBA and positively impact the Texas Gulf Coast environment.

Previous recipients included Marina Wilson, a volunteer at Sea Center Lake Jackson; Page Breon, Nesting Program Manager for the Gulf Center for Sea Turtle Research; and Theresa Morris, Program Coordinator, Sea Turtle Rehabilitation Hospital Manager, for the Gulf Center for Sea Turtle Research.

The scholarship is named in honor of Surfside Beach resident Paul Joseph Bisso, an avid surfer who tragically lost his life in a car accident in 2013. He was a graduate of Klein Collins High School in Spring, Texas, and the son of current Surfside Beach Mayor, Gregg Bisso. Applications and instructions are available on the SOBA website at sobatx.org. **The deadline is 5:00 PM on April 12, 2024.**

SOBA was established in 1973 as a non-profit organization dedicated to improving the quality, safety, beauty, and ecology of Surfside Beach, Texas. Learn more at SOBATX.org.