

# ACORN APPLICATION

Please fill out this application and mail it with the \$50 non-refundable application fee.  
For more information on available scholarships, visit [www.oakcliffsailing.org/acorns/scholarships](http://www.oakcliffsailing.org/acorns/scholarships)

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_  
*First Last Middle Nickname*

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_  
*Address City State Zip Country*

Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Sex  F  M Height \_\_\_\_\_ Weight \_\_\_\_\_

Citizen of \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security # \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Names & ages of siblings \_\_\_\_\_

High School \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Year of graduation \_\_\_\_\_

## Session

Please number the sessions in order of your preference. Only number sessions you are able to attend.

Session 1 (June 22-July 12)       Session 2 (July 16–August 4)       Session 3 (August 7-26)

Have you ever applied to the Acorn program before?  Yes  No

## Parent/Legal Guardian Information

Fill out the section below with your parents' or legal guardians' information.

Address is same as student's

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*First name Last name M.I.*

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*City State Zip Country*

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*Email*

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*Email*

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*Employer Title*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Employer Title*



## Scholarships

If you intend to apply for a need-based scholarship, check the box below. Applying for a need-based scholarship will not affect your chances of admission in any way.

I intend to apply for a need-based scholarship.

## How did you hear about Oakcliff?

- Oakcliff supporter (who?) \_\_\_\_\_  Former student (who?) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Oakcliff parent (who?) \_\_\_\_\_  Oakcliff employee (who?) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Magazine/newspaper article  Guidance counselor/teacher  Oakcliff catalog  Search engine  
 Other (how?) \_\_\_\_\_

**Ethnic Origin (Optional)** What ethnicity, if any, do you identify as? \_\_\_\_\_

## Application Questions

Please answer all the questions below on a separate sheet and attach it to your application.

1. Please describe your sailing experience. Include types of boats, racing results (if any), and cruising experience.
2. What is your strongest position on a boat? Why?
3. The Acorn program requires a high level of self-direction. Please describe an instance in which you have taken responsibility for your own learning. (min. 200 words)
4. At this point in your life, how do you see your future? How is sailing incorporated—or not—into that future? What will it take to achieve your goal(s)? (min. 200 words)
5. Do you prefer to lead a team or be part of a team? Why?

## Letter of Recommendation

Make sure the letter-of-recommendation form is filled out and sent by the person you have chosen to speak on your behalf. Your application is not complete until we receive this form.

## References

List two additional references below. These should not be family members or the person who wrote your recommendation. Ideally, list one teacher and one person who can attest to your sailing ability.

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*Name* *Relation to student* *Daytime phone number* *E-mail*

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*Name* *Relation to student* *Daytime phone number* *E-mail*

## Signature

I have read, understand, accept and agree to abide by the policies set forth on the Oakcliff website and in the Acorn/Sapling catalog. I understand that the relationship between me and Oakcliff Sailing Center (OSC) will be governed by the substantive laws of the State of New York, and any suit, mediation or arbitration of any dispute with OSC must be filed exclusively in the State of New York. I attest that the information in this application is factually correct and honestly presented.

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*Signature of student* *date*

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*Signature of parent/guardian (if under 18)* *date*



## Thank you for applying to the Acorn Program at Oakcliff Sailing Center.

### Application Process

We will email you a confirmation when we have received your completed application: your application is complete when we have received every piece of it. Your transcript and recommendation should be mailed directly from your school's guidance office and by the person recommending you. Application fees can be made by check (to Oakcliff Sailing), or call us if you'd like to pay with a credit card.

#### Required:

- Application
- \$50 non-refundable fee
- High-school transcript
- Letter of Recommendation

#### Optional:

- Financial Aid Application Form

**Mail your forms to:** Oakcliff Sailing Center  
Admissions Office  
4 South St.  
Oyster Bay, NY  
11771

### Application Review

The Acorn Program is competitive. We do not have space to accommodate all who apply. Acorn applications are reviewed on a rolling basis. You can expect a decision three to six weeks after we receive your completed application.

### Enrollment

Once admitted, you will receive a packet with a health form, a liability waiver, and some additional information. You will need a doctor to sign your health form.

### Scholarships

Need-based scholarships are available. Please check the box on your application indicating that you intend to apply for financial aid, and fill out the Financial Aid Application Form. Feel free to contact us for additional information, or if you need the application fee waived.

**If you have any questions regarding your application to Oakcliff, please do not hesitate to contact the admissions office.**



# Letter of Recommendation Form

to *Oakcliff Sailing Center*

Oakcliff Sailing Center is a non-profit sailing center dedicated to raising the level of sailors and sailing in the United States. In our signature program, high-school-aged Acorns participate in an intensive three-week training camp, while college-aged Saplings spend the entire summer learning match racing, offshore racing, boat work and business management. Both programs serve as a farm team for the Oakcliff All-American Offshore Team.

The Acorn and Sapling Program requires a passion for sailing and learning, strong communication skills, and a high level of self-direction. The program is competitive; we are seeking students who be the next leaders of American sailing. Feel free to write your answers on the back of this form or write them in a separate document. Visit [www.oakcliffsailing.org](http://www.oakcliffsailing.org) for more information.

**Confidentiality:** The information herein will not be made available to the applicant unless specifically authorized in writing by the person providing the information.

## For the Applicant

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Applying to:  Acorn Program  Sapling Program

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## For the Reference

1. How long, and in what capacity, have you known the applicant?
2. What are the applicant's greatest strengths? Areas for improvement?
3. Please comment on the applicant's dependability, maturity, and ability to work with others.
4. If you know the applicant in a sailing capacity, please comment on their sailing ability. If you know them otherwise, please comment on the applicant's study habits, work ethic, and desire for learning.

### Reference information:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please fax, mail or email your letter of recommendation under separate cover to**

Oakcliff Sailing Center  
Admissions Office  
4 South St.  
Oyster Bay, NY 11771

[race@oakcliffsailing.org](mailto:race@oakcliffsailing.org)

Fax: (516)-802-3272

