

Guideline for the allocation of PADI Open Water Diver Scuba Course Scholarships

Article 1 Scope and Object

This guideline establishes the selection and access conditions for the award of eight diving course grants for beginners (PADI Open Water Diver Courses) under the “Dive for Cascais” program, promoted by the Cascais City Council, Cascais and Estoril Parish Council, Claro Youth Association and Cascais Naval Club.

Article 2 Grant recipients

The scholarships for the diving course for beginners are intended for people between 18 and 30 years old residing in the Municipality of Cascais.

Article 3 Application Submission

- 1 - The contest is open between January 16th and 20:00 (Lisbon time) of February 21st 2025.
- 2 - The application and supporting documents provided in the following article must be submitted through the following form: <https://forms.gle/tZTiPTSgATZhQFbE8>
Applications submitted by other means will not be accepted.
- 3 - The submission of false declarations qualifies as a reason for cancelling the application.

Article 4 Application eligibility requirements

- 1 – It is essential, under penalty of non-admission of the application: To present a short letter of motivation, in which the candidate explains the reasons and the candidate's interest in receiving one of the scholarships in the competition;
- 2 – Present a document proving permanent residence in the Municipality of Cascais.
- 3 – Send the commitment of honor (which can be found on the Claro movement website on the Mergulha por Cascais page) completed and signed.
- 4 – Submit the PADI medical questionnaire (found on the Claro movement website on the Mergulha por Cascais page) completed and signed.
- 5 – Submit a copy of the candidate’s Portuguese identity card or passport together with the other documents mentioned above.

Article 5

Scholarship Components

The grants for the PADI Open Water Diver courses consist of an 80% payment contribution (€380) from the promoters of this program. The remaining 20% (95€) must be paid by candidates directly to the Clube Naval de Cascais diving center.

Article 6 PADI Open Water Diver Course

The course will have two components:

- a) A theoretical one that will be carried out through an e-learning platform (which includes a final written assessment) and must be completed before carrying out the last two ocean dives.
- b) The practical component will include at least one to two sessions in the pool and four dives in the ocean carried out in two diving trips starting in March and must be concluded before the start of the underwater cleanups.

Article 7 Insurance

Participants will be insured under the civil liability of the Clube Naval de Cascais diving center.

Article 8 Commitment

Upon completion of the course, candidates undertake to join the team of volunteer divers of the “Mergulha por Cascais” program for a period of one year. Candidates also undertake to participate in at least five underwater cleaning events organized by the promoters of this program and must participate in a session on the marine species of Cascais, taught by Cascais Ambiente.

Scholarship winners must also undertake to provide logistical support and help organize at least one of the underwater cleanups that will take place during the year 2025. That is, they must help prepare the equipment the day before the event and on the day of the action should arrive an hour earlier than the other participants to help organize all the necessary materials and equipment.

Article 9 Equipment

The necessary equipment to carry out the course and to participate in the events will be provided by the promoters of this program.

Article 10
Grant attribution

The results will be announced via email on the February 28th and with a call for a short public award ceremony at the Museu do Mar on March 7th, 2025.