

**THE WATER IS WIDE**  
**PAT CONROY SCHOLARSHIP**  
**APPLICATION**

*Sponsored by the Fripp Island Women's Club and in  
Association with the Pat Conroy Literary Center*

This scholarship is offered in honor of Pat Conroy, renowned author. One of Pat's earliest books, **The Water is Wide**, captured his passion for education as a teacher on Daufauskie Island, where the children lacked even the basic tools to learn. Pat believed in equality for everyone and was a strong advocate of the importance of education then and throughout his life.

In keeping with his legacy, this **\$2000 award** is intended for any older adult who may not have had the opportunity to continue their education.

**Eligibility: Any University of South Carolina Beaufort (USCB) student who is:**

- 21 years or older and a United States Citizen
- a resident of Beaufort County, South Carolina and a USA citizen
- seeking an **undergraduate degree** or enrolled in a **technical certification program**

**I. Personal Information:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Are you a U.S. citizen? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Current enrollment or have been accepted by:**

- USCB Undergraduate Major:** \_\_\_\_\_
- TCL Undergraduate Major or Technical Certification Program** \_\_\_\_\_

**Past College Enrollment:**

Institution: \_\_\_\_\_ Program: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Community Service/Volunteer Activities:**

Organization, Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Role/ Participation: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date(s) of Participation: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization, Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Employment History:**

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

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

Job Description and Length of Employment: \_\_\_\_\_

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**II. Essay:** (Please use a separate sheet, 250 words maximum.)

Pat Conroy's book, **The Water is Wide**, spoke to education as a means to opportunity. Please explain how this scholarship would be a means to opportunity by furthering your education or enhance your future through a technical certification program.

**III. Please attach 2 letters of recommendation to your application**

I authorize the verification of all the information provided on this application. I certify that my answers are true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Send Completed Application, Essay, and two letters of recommendation by November 1st to:**

**Ms. Ann Hoyle**  
**5 Pelican Cove**  
**Fripp Island, SC 29920**  
**Email: gymtchr@embarqmail.com**

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