



## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

#### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce will submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

*Agency:* National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

*Title:* Educational Partnership Program (EPP), Ernest F. Hollings Undergraduate Scholarship Program, Dr. Nancy Foster Scholarship Program, Recruitment, Training, and Research Program.

*OMB Control Number:* 0648-0568.

*Form Number(s):* None.

*Type of Request:* Regular (revision and extension of a current information collection).

*Number of Respondents:* 1,754.

*Average Hours Per Response:* Student Performance Achievement Reporting (SPAR) database form, 8; undergraduate application form, 600; reference forms, 1200; alumni update form, 200.

*Burden Hours:* 7,822.

*Needs and Uses:* This request is for revision and extension of a current information collection.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Office of Education (OEd) collects, evaluates and analyzes student data for the purpose of selecting successful candidates, and for generating reports and news articles to communicate the success of its program. The OEd requires applicants to its undergraduate scholarship programs to complete an application in order to be considered. The application package requires two faculty and/or academic advisors to complete a NOAA student scholar reference form in support of the scholarship application. NOAA OEd student scholar alumni are also requested to provide information to NOAA for internal tracking purposes. NOAA OEd grant recipients are required to update the student tracker database with the required student information. There is also a revised alumni form whose use has extended to two more of the programs. The collected student data supports NOAA OEd's program performance measures. The Dr. Nancy Foster Scholarship Program and the NMFS Recruiting, Training, and Research Program also collect student data for their programs and are also covered by this notice.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households; business or other for-profit; not-for-profit institutions; State, Local or Tribal Government.

*Frequency:* Annually and on occasion.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Required to obtain or retain benefits.

This information collection request may be viewed at [reginfo.gov](http://reginfo.gov). Follow the instructions

to view Department of Commerce collections currently under review by OMB.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to [OIRA\\_Submission@omb.eop.gov](mailto:OIRA_Submission@omb.eop.gov) or fax to (202) 395-5806.

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