

RNLI Lifeguards
BULSCA Volunteer Lifeguard Scholarship Opportunities

Introduction

The RNLI would like to invite applications for up to 6 highly motivated individuals to attend a unique and demanding Volunteer Lifeguard opportunity during Easter 2009.

This opportunity will include;

- 7 days residential at the RNLI Lifeboat College in Poole (dinner, bed and breakfast provided)
- This will involve a 6 day intensive beach lifeguard course, leading to an ILS recognised beach lifeguard qualification
- Volunteer lifeguard induction training
- Personal development planning and RNLI familiarisation training, which will include an opportunity to experience RNLI Lifeboats
- Up to 4 days residential at an RNLI Area Support Centre, working alongside professional RNLI Lifeguards to undergo elements of Lifeguard induction on the coast. Locations for this may be around the South and South West. Bed and breakfast provided.
- A 7 day summer volunteer lifeguard placement with an RNLI Lifeguard unit, should the candidates be of high enough quality
- An opportunity to compile a portfolio for personal development and club promotion, as well as completion of a UK Youth Platinum Youth Achievement Award.

The 7 day residential at the Lifeboat College will involve a full 'RNLI experience', including the opportunity to put to sea on a Lifeboat, a tour of the RNLI facilities, personal development and leadership training, and a chance to mix with professional and volunteer lifeguards and lifeboat men and women from across the country. The Beach Lifeguard course will be amongst the highest quality courses run in the country.

These opportunities do not guarantee any prospective professional lifeguards from gaining employment with the RNLI, although it is understood that candidates may want to apply for jobs as RNLI Lifeguards following their experiences.

This is a unique opportunity to explore the work of the RNLI as a charity that saves lives at sea, whilst gaining a qualification and experience that will stand candidates in good stead for their future.

Dates: Tuesday 14th April (arrive Monday evening) to Friday 24th April inclusive

Costs: Accommodation on a dinner, bed and breakfast rate will be provided during the 7 day residential at the Lifeboat College. Accommodation on a bed and breakfast rate will be provided for the coastal induction.

Travel costs are to be met by the candidate, who may wish to investigate the possibility of costs being reimbursed by their Club.

Candidate selection

- Candidates must be a member of a BULSCA recognised lifesaving club, as well as an individual member of SLSGB or RLSS UK
- Candidates must be aged between 16 and 25 years
- Candidates must be new to Beach Lifeguarding. They must never have previously held a Beach Lifeguard qualification
- Candidates must be able to demonstrate a comfortable achievement of the RNLI Lifeguard fitness requirements before attending the course.
- Candidates must be recommended and supported in their application by their club committee
- Candidates must be highly motivated, dynamic individuals who are serious about volunteering
- Candidates must demonstrate a full commitment to the course and placement
- Candidates would be asked to help organise and run an RNLI fundraising event through BULSCA, following the scholarship (support available)
- Candidates would be asked to compile and complete a UK Youth Platinum Youth Achievement Award, support for which would be provided by the RNLI
- Candidates would be asked to present to their University club about their experiences of training and volunteering with the RNLI
- Candidates would be asked to help create a diary and image portfolio for the BULSCA & RNLI websites following their experiences of the scholarship

Anybody who fits the above requirements can apply, and selection will be based on an application form, personal statement and interview if necessary.

Applications will open on **Monday 2nd February 2009** and close on **Friday 27th March 2009**. BULSCA will provide further details of the application procedure to its clubs during January 2009.

For any further details, please contact RNLI Development Manager, Rob Inett, on e-mail rob_inett@rnli.org.uk

APPLICATION FORM

Surname	First Name	
Date of Birth		
University Club Name		
Contact Phone Number(s)	Email Address	
Lifesaving qualifications held (there is no minimum requirement)		
Award	Year taken	
Committee Position Held (if applicable)		
<p>Personal Statement Please outline relevant experiences, achievements, your current role within your university club, skills, and why you would make a good ambassador for your club and the RNLI (attach additional sheet if required)</p>		

Locations

All participants will undertake their NBLQ Training at RNLI HQ in Poole.

On satisfactory completion of the training participants will be sent to various areas to meet local lifeguards, participate in elements of the lifeguard induction programme and learn more about operational lifeguarding.

If you are successful in your application, up to 4 nights accommodation will be provided for you locally. Please specify which area you would most like to spend the 2nd part of your training in. We will try as far as possible to place you in your first choice area but in the event of an area being oversubscribed we will make a decision based on your proximity to the area:

Please rank the areas 1, 2 and 3 with 1 being the area you would most like to be placed in.

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| Poole Bay | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| North Devon (Croyde/Woolacombe) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Carrick (Perranporth area) | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Pre-requisites

In order to be considered for this opportunity you must meet ALL the criteria outlined below:

- Able to demonstrate the minimum fitness requirements as outlined below:
 - 200m pool swim in under 3.5 minutes
 - 400m pool swim in under 7.5 minutes
 - 25m underwater swim followed by 25m surface swim in under 50 seconds
 - 200m beach run in under 40 seconds**NB. Fitness standards will be tested on the first day of the course**
- Active Member of BULSCA Club
- Aged 16-25
- Available for duration of the programme 14th – 24th April 2009 inclusive
- Never held a Beach Lifeguard Qualification
- Willing to work towards a UK Youth Platinum Award (with full support from the RNLI)

Candidate Declaration

I hereby declare that I can meet all the pre-requisite criteria and that the all information entered in this form is to the best of my knowledge accurate and true.	
Name	
Signature	

Club Coach/TA Declaration

I confirm that this applicant has demonstrated the required fitness times as outlined above	
Name	
Signature	

Completed forms to be sent to: RNLI Lifeguards, West Quay Road, Poole, Dorset, BH15 1HZ **no later than 27th March 2009.**

Thank you for your application