



## The Sue Miller Memorial Scholarship

The 'Sue Miller Memorial Scholarship' fund was established in August 2023 through an estate gift after the sudden passing of Sue Miller. A retired teacher, Sue volunteered with Rookery Bay Research Reserve for more than 10 years, helping with on-the-water research and community education programs as well as assisting interns with sea turtle monitoring.



"My sister, Susan A. Miller, was a dedicated volunteer for Rookery Bay, following in the footsteps of our mother Marian L. Miller. They were both staunch supporters of the programs to protect the creatures and habitat of Rookery Bay. My sister loved going on turtle patrol, Team OCEAN, and crewing on Pat O'Donnell's research boat. I think her greatest joy was volunteering alongside the interns on the turtle patrols. She developed very deep and lasting friendships with many of them. Therefore, it is fitting to establish the "Sue Miller Scholarship Fund" to help sustain Rookery Bay programs by funding intern scholarships for years to come. Susan's family is pleased to continue her legacy through this gift." -Jeff Miller

### Details

- One scholarship will be awarded annually to support an internship at Rookery Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve (\$5,000 to \$8,000 based on duration).
- Applicants must meet the scholarship criteria as well as internship-specific criteria.
- Intern is selected in mutual agreement by a committee comprised of staff from the Friends of Rookery Bay and Rookery Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve.
- The selected intern will present their experience at the end of the internship and write a letter to Sue Miller's family summarizing their experience.

### Minimum Criteria

- A graduating high school senior or enrolled in a post-secondary institution.
- Demonstrates formal training or coursework in the designated internship field.
- One letter of recommendation and a cover letter discussing how the internship will enhance their continued education or professional pursuits.
- A passion and commitment toward environmental education, conservation or research.

The fund is managed at the Collier Community Foundation. Tax deductible donations to the fund can be made at [rookerybay.org](http://rookerybay.org) or by check payable to Friends of Rookery Bay; memo: "Sue Miller Memorial Scholarship."

The 110,000-acre Rookery Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve in Naples, Florida provides a basis for informed stewardship of estuaries through research, education and conservation. The 501(c)(3) non-profit Friends of Rookery Bay connects people to southwest Florida's dynamic coastal environment in support of Rookery Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve.