



2009 Island Institute Scholarship Fund Application
*Supporting Maine island students in their pursuit of academic excellence
 at high schools, colleges, and universities across the United States.*

Guidelines

For the 19th year, the Island Institute will award scholarships to students from Maine's 15 year-round un-bridged island communities. The purpose of the Island Institute's Scholarship Program is to support and strengthen Maine's year-round island communities by offering financial aid to island residents for educational purposes. Our goal is to contribute to the viability and vitality of year-round island life by assisting island residents in the pursuit of their educational goals. We recognize that scholarship aid is one of the most valuable and tangible services we can provide to island communities.

Eligibility Requirements:

Applicants must have graduated from their island's K-5, K-8, or K-12 school and be attending post-secondary education at a two- or four-year college, university, or vocational/technical institution. Students from the following islands are eligible to apply:

Chebeague	Great Cranberry	Islesboro	Matinicus	Peaks
Cliff	Great Diamond	Islesford	Monhegan	Swan's
Frenchboro	Isle au Haut	Long	North Haven	Vinalhaven

Awards:

With this application, applicants apply to the Island Institute Scholarship Fund, which consists of the following scholarship awards:

Maine Island Higher Education Scholarship:

- This scholarship fund is available to year-round residents of Maine's 15 un-bridged island communities attending post-secondary institutions. In addition, a limited number of scholarships are available to students whose island communities do not have a high school and who must attend boarding schools on the mainland. Scholarships range from \$250 - \$5,000. There is no limit on the number of scholarships that will be given. *Available to first-time and renewal applicants.*

Academic and Community Leadership Scholarship:

- One \$5,000 scholarship will be given to a graduating high-school senior (year-round un-bridged island resident) to be applied to his or her first year of college tuition. The winner of the scholarship will be a graduate who exemplifies a combination of academic excellence and community leadership. *Available to graduating high-school seniors only.* This prestigious scholarship also requires a second essay, a third recommendation letter, and finalist interviews.

Sweet Scholarship:

- This scholarship awards \$5,000 to a graduating high-school senior (year-round un-bridged island resident) who exemplifies a combination of academic excellence and leadership (a "Sweet Scholar"). Each "Sweet Scholar" will be considered for a renewal Sweet Scholarship in the amount of \$2,500.00 for each of two succeeding academic years, based on demonstrated academic success in the previous year (maintaining a 3.5 GPA). *Available to graduating high-school seniors only.*

Otter Island Fund:

- Any year-round un-bridged island resident who attends one of the following secondary or post-secondary schools is eligible to receive this special scholarship, which is renewable for each year that the student attends the eligible schools. Schools included in this fund are: Pomfret, Groton, St. George's, Northfield-Mt. Hermon, Connecticut College, Vanderbilt, Colorado College, Texas Christian University, Duke University, University of Utah, or Harvard Business School. *Available to first-time and renewal applicants.*

Shaw Fund for Mariners' Children:

- This fund is available to all un-bridged year-round island residents who are mariners' children attending post-secondary institutions. There is no limit on the number of scholarships that will be given ranging from \$250 to \$3,000. In addition, at least one needs-based \$5,000 scholarship will be awarded. *Available to first-time and renewal applicants.*

Seth Jordan Memorial Fund:

- An additional award of \$1,000 will be given to supplement the scholarship received by the graduating high-school senior residing in Casco Bay who has the highest GPA. *Available to graduating high-school senior applicants only.*

Decision Process:

All award decisions will be based on academic achievement, extra-curricular activities, the Personal Statement, and special circumstances. The Island Institute reserves the right to determine how best to balance these criteria when evaluating applications.

The award money may be used for tuition, room and board, books, lab fees and equipment. However, award monies used for expenses other than tuition, books and supplies must be reported as taxable income by the recipient. It will be the responsibility of the recipient to report and pay any tax liability.

Administration:

An evaluation committee composed of island residents and Institute staff will make scholarship award decisions. Students are eligible for the Maine Island Scholarship program for all four years of college, but are required to reapply each year: renewal of the scholarship will not be automatic.

All applications must be postmarked no later than April 1, 2009. It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that all of the required items are submitted on or before the application deadline. Incomplete applications, or those postmarked after April 1, will not be processed. All information received from applicants will be treated as confidential. Award winners will be notified no later than May 31.

Each award will be mailed to the school in December. Awards cannot be deferred for any period of time. Checks will be made payable jointly to the student and the school and applied to the second-semester expenses. If you have questions about the Island Institute Scholarship Fund, please call the Island Institute Education Director, Ruth Kermish-Allen, at (207) 594-9209, ext. 117.

Mail completed application to:
Maine Island Scholarship Program
C/O MAINE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
245 MAIN STREET
ELLSWORTH, ME 04605

Maine Island Scholarship Program Application

Applications must be postmarked by April 1

PART I: PERSONAL INFORMATION

Did you receive a college scholarship from the Island Institute last year? yes (renewal applicant) no (first-time applicant)

Student's Name: _____

Home Mailing Address:

(Street or P.O. Box) (City/Island) (State) (Zip)

School Mailing Address for 09-10 school year;

(Street of PO Box) (City) (State) (Zip)

Home Phone: _____ Cell phone: _____

Email: _____ Date of Birth: _____ / _____ / _____

Male () Female ()

Are you a mariner's child? Yes No

Name of the Grammar School You Graduated From: _____

High School Attending/Attended: _____ Date of High-School Graduation: _____

Address of High School: _____

Grade-point average _____ Student Ranks _____ in a class of _____

Post-Secondary School for which aid is requested:

Address of Post-Secondary School:

(Street or P.O. Box) (City/Town) (State) (Zip)

Upcoming year in school (circle) Undergraduate 1 2 3 4

Major Field of Study: _____ Degree Anticipated: BA ___ BS ___ Other ___

Have you been accepted to the college of your choice? ___ Yes ___ No

Based on your Federal Student Aid Report (SAR), please state your Expected Family Contribution (EFC)
\$ _____

What amount of your college tuition and expenses does your family anticipate will not be met by scholarships and/or grants? In other words, how much are you and your family paying out of pocket?

\$ _____

PART II: RECOMMENDATION LETTERS (2)

Letters should provide examples of leadership in projects and solid academic performance. Recommendation letters must be from a school faculty, school staff member, or employer. Please list the individuals who are providing your recommendation letters.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>How Many years have they known you?</u>
1. _____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____

PART III: LEADERSHIP and EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

List of Leadership and Extracurricular Activities (attach additional sheet if necessary)

Activity Name	Brief Description of activity and # of years of participation	Special honors, offices
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

PART IV: PERSONAL STATEMENT / ESSAY

(750 words or less for first-time applicants, 500 words or less for renewal applicants) Your Personal Statement/Essay is a critical component of your application. Please take special care in writing it. (Attach a separate sheet.)

Personal Statement/Essay questions for FIRST-TIME and HIGH SCHOOL applicants: Please choose one question.

1. How has living on your island prepared you for college / boarding-school life?
2. Name three island events or traditions and explain how they form your awareness of community.
3. Identify one island virtue that you will take with you to college and explain how this virtue will be useful during your time away from home.

Personal Statement/Essay questions for RENEWAL applicants: Please choose one question.

1. Discuss one major event or college learning experience and what it has taught you about being an islander.
2. How has growing up on an island helped you academically?
3. Explain how a college class you've taken has been valuable to you as an islander.

PART V: ACADEMIC AND COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP: Only complete this section if you are eligible to apply for the Academic and Community Leadership Scholarship.

Award decisions will be based on **leadership activities, academic achievement, recommendation letters, an applicant essay, and a final interview of the top three applicants.** Emphasis will be placed on civic and school leadership and high academic achievement. The Island Institute reserves the right to determine how best to balance these criteria when evaluating applications.

The recipient of the Academic and Community Leadership Scholarship will be asked to participate in the annual Island Scholars Luncheon, to be held on Saturday, June 27th at the Samoset Resort in Rockport.

A. ESSAY QUESTION: (please include on a separate sheet of paper labeled Academic and Community Leadership Scholarship Essay)

In a Personal Statement of 750 words or less, please describe in detail the leadership activities you have taken part in and how you have incorporated those experiences into your everyday life and future goals.

B. ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDATION LETTER:

This recommendation letter should be from a *member of the island community* who can discuss your leadership skills and community-service experiences. This person cannot be a family member. An community member and individual not employed by the school is recommended.

Name: _____ Position: _____

C. INTERVIEW:

Telephone number to reach you if you qualify as a finalist. _____

Best time to reach you: _____

I certify that I am a legal resident of Maine and that all information on this form is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that I may be asked to provide proof of information stated on this form.

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____

Signature of Applicant: _____

Your application must include: Please see the attached checklist.

*** MARK YOUR CALENDARS ***
The 2009 Island Scholars Luncheon will be held on
Saturday, June 27th at the Samoset Resort
Hope to see you and your family there!

COMMENTS:

- Explain any special circumstances that might affect your financial need. Use a separate sheet if necessary.
- Applications postmarked after April 1, 2009 will **not** be processed¹.
- The *Island Institute Fellowship Program* places recent college graduates in remote coastal communities. The fellowships are designed to match requests for services and skill sets made by organizations in those communities. Fellows are involved in education, community planning, marine resources, youth programs, GIS, technology and science initiatives, as well as other areas. Fellows live and work in the island community, making them more responsive to island issues. Island college graduates are encouraged to inquire about the Island Institute Fellowship Program.

¹ *The Maine Community Foundation reserves the right not to process applications found to be incomplete as of the application deadline.*



**Island Institute Scholarship Fund
Application Checklist:**

- Personal information (Application)
- Extracurricular activity list (Application)
- Two *current* letters of recommendation
- A copy of your most recent high-school or college transcript (i.e., from your fall semester). A printout from the Internet is not acceptable. We prefer that you include your transcript with your application.
- Applicant personal statement/essay
- Applicant photo (for use to publicize winners)
- Financial Information Release Form
- Signatures of applicant and parent/guardian
- Please complete the Financial Information Release Form and send it to the college you will be attending in the fall of 2009. Please **DO NOT** return this to the Maine Community Foundation.

If also applying for the Academic and Community Leadership Application please also include the following items:

- A third letter of recommendation from a community member
- An additional essay (please see Part V)

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PLEASE DO NOT STAPLE YOUR SUBMISSION

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c/o MAINE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
245 MAIN STREET
ELLSWORTH, ME 04605

FINANCIAL INFORMATION RELEASE FORM

**** PLEASE FILL OUT AND MAIL THIS FORM TO YOUR **
COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY FINANCIAL AID OFFICE,
NOT TO MAINE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION**

ATTENTION: Financial Aid Officer

The student named below is applying for a scholarship and requires your assistance in providing need-based information. Please keep this signed statement in the student's file for reference if you receive an inquiry from our Scholarship Coordinator regarding the student's financial aid award.

TO THE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANT:

I authorize release of financial aid award information to:

Maine Community Foundation
245 Main Street
Ellsworth, ME 04605-1613
Tel: 207-667-9735 or toll free 877-700-6800
Fax: 207-667-0447
E-mail: info@mainecf.org Web: www.mainecf.org

College/University _____

Name of Student: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Student's Signature: _____

Date: _____

REMINDER: DO NOT MAIL THIS FORM TO MAINE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION.