

The Geiger Scholarship supports students from Maine's year-round, unbridged islands who are eager to expand their educational horizons through off-island enrichment and travel experiences. The focus is on providing this opportunity to students who will grow individually through participation in off-island enrichment experiences. This scholarship is intended to serve students who may not otherwise be able to have these experiences. Preference is given for students pursuing programs independently, rather than participating in a pre-planned class trip.

Students are eligible for one Geiger Scholarship award during middle school, one during high school, one during college, and one as a gap year. Scholarships support the following groups of students:

- Middle school students attending off-island enrichment or travel programs, including summer camp
- High school students attending a semester enrichment program (such as a semester school) or attending an off-island summer camp, travel, or enrichment program
- College Students participating in a semester or summer study abroad program
- Students enrolled in a gap year program between high school and post-secondary education

Scholarships will be awarded for up to \$10,000 for semester programs and up to \$5,000 for summer programs. Students must enroll directly in a program to be eligible for the Geiger Scholarship, as this scholarship must be paid directly towards tuition costs/program fees. This scholarship cannot be used as a program deposit or to cover travel expenses.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Island residency on one of Maine's year-round, unbridged islands
- Current enrollment in the 6th grade or above
- Current enrollment in, or prior graduation from, the highest grade available at your island school
- Extenuating circumstances regarding island residency and education considered on a case-by-case basis

There are two application deadlines per year: November 30 and February 28th. Awards will be given for programs whose start date is up to one year after the application deadline. Awards cannot be deferred or postponed.

Scholars are required, upon completion of their experience, to write a personal statement about the experience and its impact and **submit the reflection, along with several photographs, to the Island Institute within 30 days of returning.** The Island Institute will use these photos and excerpts from reflections for promotional and informational purposes on our website, Facebook page, and to share with donors.

YALE YOUNG GLOBAL SCHOLARS PROGRAM

Thanks to the generosity of a donor, we are able to **fully fund** (tuition and program deposit) one student per application round to attend the Yale Young Global Scholars Program. Students wishing to attend the Yale Young Global Scholars Program will need to apply to and be accepted directly into this program.

Receiving the Geiger Scholarship to attend the Yale Young Global Scholars Program will provide full funding (above the standard \$5,000 cap) for one student per application round to attend this program, but does not guarantee a student's acceptance into the program. If more than one student is accepted to the Yale Young Global Scholars Program in any application round, the full scholarship will be given to the highest scoring application. The other applicants will automatically qualify for the traditional Geiger scholarship.

GUIDELINES

ADMINISTRATION

An independent evaluation committee will make scholarship award decisions based on a scoring rubric. All applications must be submitted online no later than the listed deadline. 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 submitted after the due date will not be processed.

Award winners will be notified no later than thirty days following each application deadline. Scholarship funds will be mailed directly to the program as a tuition payment. Awards cannot be used as a program deposit or for additional travel expenses.

DECISION PROCESS

All award decisions will be based on the student's responses and personal statements, letter of recommendation, and special circumstances. The evaluation committee reserves the right to determine how best to balance these criteria when evaluating applications. The Island Institute reserves the right to not award a scholarship when no applications meet the scoring criteria.

QUESTIONS?

Please contact us at scholarships@islandinstitute.org and include "Geiger" in the subject line.