Growing Minds

The Maine Island Scholarship Program

ISLAND INSTITUTE
“It is great to know that people recognize the uniqueness of coming from and living in a year-round island community. I could not be at this school without this scholarship; it enabled me to go to the school I REALLY wanted to attend.”—Meagan Blank, Islesford
From the President

2010 marks the 20th anniversary of the Maine Island Scholarship program—one that has become perhaps our most visible and valued resource to Maine's year-round unbridged island communities. From total awards of $2,000 that first year to a high of $130,000 in 2008 and more than $90,000 in scholarships this year, this program has become one of our highest priorities.

Twenty years…650 awards…over $750,000 in support to date…these numbers tell only a small part of the story. What they don’t convey is the quality of excellence found in Maine’s small island schools—the heart of their communities—and the fierce commitment of island educators to ensure that no academic potential goes untapped and no learning opportunity goes unexplored.

On the following pages you will meet a sampling of the young men and women whose hopes, talents and zeal to further their education have inspired us. You will also learn about the schools, communities and generous donors who make student success—and these awards—possible.

Philip Conkling, President
ISLAND INSTITUTE
LANA CANNON
PEAKS ISLAND

B.A. in Environmental Studies with a focus on International Sustainable Development and a minor in Art and the Environment
Allegheny College, Meadville, Pennsylvania
May 2008

Lana Cannon spent two years on Matinicus Island, helping with curriculum development and other materials for the Matinicus school.

JOSH CONOVER
ISLESBORO

B.A., Resource Agribusiness Management with a concentration in commercial fisheries
University of Maine, Orono
May 2001

“I moved back to Islesboro after school and started lobstering. I built a house on-island, married an Island Institute Fellow, and now our second child was born in May, 2010.”
Current Island Scholars

FRANCES BLANK
ISLESFORD
B.A., Nursing
University of New England,
Biddeford, ME
Expected graduation date: 2014

NATALIE JONES
NORTH HAVEN
B.S., Pre-Med, Community Health
Brown University,
Providence, RI
Expected graduation date: 2013

WESLEY NORTON
PEAKS ISLAND
B.A., Environmental Studies
St. Lawrence University,
Canton, NY
Expected graduation date: 2011

“My love for science has grown into an interest in medicine, and from this I have been able to place myself in leadership roles within my community.” —Natalie Jones
Scholarship History

The Island Institute supports island students throughout their academic careers, from their years attending on-island schools to the time when they leave to pursue educational opportunities on the mainland. The cost of a college education is increasing dramatically.

Published tuition and fees at public four-year colleges and universities rose at an average annual rate of 4.9% per year beyond general inflation from 1999-2000 to 2009-2010, more rapidly than in either of the two previous decades.

The average estimated yearly undergraduate expenses—including tuition and fees, room and board, books and supplies, transportation and other expenses—for the 2009-10 school year were:

- Public, two-year commuter: $14,285
- Public four-year, in-state, on-campus: $19,388
- Public four-year out-of-state, on campus: $30,916
- Private, not-for-profit four-year, on campus: $39,028

Source: Trends in College Pricing, College Board (2009)

Not only are college tuitions rising, but it is also becoming more expensive for students to travel home to Maine for those all-important visits. Scholarships support is one of the most effective ways to directly help island students and their families in the pursuit of higher education.

To date, the Island Institute has awarded a total of over $750,000 to more than 650 scholars. We are proud that both the number of recipients and the amount of funds awarded have continually increased.

HISTORY OF HIGHER-EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP GIVING

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Goals

1. Support Maine’s un-bridged island students in their pursuit of educational opportunities at colleges, universities and technical schools across the United States.

2. Strengthen Maine’s year-round island communities through financial aid to island residents for learning experiences that further their professional development, move them closer to their career goals and/or enhance the health and viability of their community.

"Islands create an atmosphere of both independence and dependence—learning to rely on oneself, while reaping the benefits of a close community, is an important part of growing up.”—Zachary Whitener, Long Island

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Island Institute Scholarship Recipients 2002 - 2010:

- **College and Universities Attended**
- **Locations of College/Universities Attended**
- **Number of Scholarship Recipients**
  - 1 - 2
  - 3 - 5
  - 6 - 10
  - 11 - 15
  - 16 - 25
  - 26 and Above
Maine Island Scholarship Recipients Colleges and Universities Attended (2002-2010)

- Acadia University
- Allegheny College
- American University
- Andover College
- Antioch College
- Atlantic Union College
- Bates College
- Bennington College
- Bentley University
- Berklee College of Music
- Boston College
- Bowdoin College
- Bridgewater State College
- Brown University
- Bryan College
- Bucknell University
- Burlington College
- Carleton College
- Champlain College
- Coastal Carolina University
- Colby College
- Colby-Sawyer
- Colgate University
- College of the Atlantic
- Colorado College
- Colorado Mountain College
- Concordia University
- Connecticut College
- Cornell University
- Culinary Institute of America
- Curry College
- Dalhousie University
- Dartmouth University
- Eastern Maine Community College
- Eckerd College
- Elon University
- Embry Riddle
- Evergreen State College
- Ferrum College
- Florida Institute of Technology
- Florida Southern College
- Fordham University
- Franklin Pierce College
- Full Sail University
- Gettysburg College
- Gordon College
- Goucher College
- Hamilton College
- Harvard University
- Hobart & William Smith Colleges
- Holy Cross College
- Huntington University
- Husson College
- Intercoast Career Institute
- Ithaca College
- Johnson & Wales University
- King's College
- Lasell College
- Lewis & Clark College
- Lynchburg College
- Maine College of Art
- Maine Maritime Academy
- Marlboro College
- Mass. College of Art & Design
- Mass. College of Pharmacy
- McGill University
- Messiah College
- Middlebury College
- Mount Allison University – New Brunswick Canada
- Mount Holyoke College
- Muhlenberg College
- New College of Florida
- New England College
- New England School of Communications
- Northeastern University
- Northwestern University
- Paul Smith's College
- Pennsylvania State University
- Pratt Institute
- Prescott College
- Purdue University
- Rhode Island School of Design
- Rochester Institute of Technology
- Rockport College
- Roger Williams University
- Saint Joseph's College
- Saint Lawrence University
- Saint Mary's College of Maryland
- Saint Michael's College
- Salem State University
- Savannah College of Art & Design
- Smith College
- Southern Maine Community College
- Southern New Hampshire University
- Springfield College
- Stonehill College
- Susquehanna University
- Texas A & M
- Thomas College
- Trinity College
- University of Maine System - UMA, UMO, UMF, USM
- U.S. Military Academy
- Universal Technical Institute
- University of Arizona
- University of California Berkeley
- University of Mary Washington
- University of Maryland Conservatory
- University of Massachusetts
- University of New England
- University of New Hampshire
- University of North Dakota
- University of Notre Dame
- University of Rhode Island
- University of Richmond
- University of Utah
- University of Vermont
- University of Virginia
- Utica College of Syracuse University
- Warren Wilson College
- Washington County Community College
- Wells College
- Wentworth Institute of Technology
- Western State College
- Western Washington University
- Wheaton College
- Whitman College
- Worcester Polytechnic Institute
The Island Scholars Network

This program is designed to help island students address the special difficulties that confront them and to ease their transition into college life and adulthood. It includes:

- An annual Island Scholars Luncheon
- In-school talks about writing essays and college choices
  - An Island Scholars e-newsletter
  - Newsletters for parents and high school students
- A writing program for students to contribute to Institute publications
  - College and financial-aid counseling.
Island Scholars Luncheon

Thanks to a grant from the Catawamteak Fund, the Institute launched this annual celebration of island scholars in June 2007. The Island Scholars Luncheon continues to serve as a chance for peer-mentoring pairs to meet in person before the start of the academic year and for inter-island friendships to re-connect.
Scholarship Funds and 2010 Awardees

BRENDEN MYERS
Great Diamond Island
College of the Holy Cross
Maine Island Scholarships
Renewable awards of $200 to $5,000 available for college, technical-school or boarding-school expenses.

ARTHUR GOVONI III
Islesboro
Maine Maritime Academy
Academic & Community Leadership Scholarship
A one-time $5,000 award recognizing academic excellence and community leadership.

KEITH DRURY
Vinalhaven
Colorado College
Otter Island Fund
A renewable $5,000 award for students enrolled at select preparatory schools, colleges and universities.

AMILIA CAMPBELL
North Haven
Bowdoin College
Shaw Fund for Mariners’ Children
Renewable awards of $250 to $3,000 for mariners’ children. One $5,000 scholarship awarded to the mariner’s child with the highest cumulative GPA.

ANNA MAINE
Chebeague
Brown University
Seth Jordan Memorial Fund
A one-time award of $1000 given to supplement the scholarship received by the Casco-Bay graduate with the highest GPA.

ARIANNA STEFANILO
Chebeague
Southern Maine Community College
Sweet Scholarship
A new $5,000 award for academic excellence and leadership, renewable for up to two years at $2,500 per year.
The Future of Scholarship Giving at the Island Institute

Our goal is to contribute 10% towards total college expenses for all Maine island students. To do that, we need an endowment fund of $2 million so that $100,000 is available for awards each year. To date, we have raised $500,000, and we rely on yearly gifts to provide the additional assistance needed. The future of the Maine Island Scholarship Program is uncertain without a stable source of funding. We need your help to ensure that island students get the help they need to achieve their dreams.
How You Can Help

We welcome any contributions to the Maine Island Scholarship Program for:

- General support
- A named award
- A special fund
- The Island Scholars Luncheon
- The Island Scholars Network

Please contact Nancy McLeod Carter at 207-594-9209 or ncarter@islandinstitute.org.

“The number of scholarships, range of funds, and specific types of scholarships are great! It is wonderful to have this scholarship program available to islanders. I know it is helping a lot of island families.” —Flora Drury, Vinalhaven
Thank you to our Maine Islands Scholarship Donors

We wish to recognize the late Charles B. McLane, for the Fund for Maine Island Education, established in 1996 in memory of Carol Evarts McLane, for higher-education and professional-development opportunities…

Barbara and Cyrus Sweet, for establishing a special award in 2008 for academic excellence and leadership…

the ERQ Educational Foundation, for ongoing support for students attending four-year colleges and universities…

the Shaw Fund for Mariners’ Children, helping those who earn a living from the sea provide the gift of a college education to the next generation…

the Otter Island Fund, supporting students enrolled in select preparatory schools, colleges and universities across the country…

Nancy and Robert Jordan, for establishing a memorial fund in 2006 to honor their son Seth…

the Wilson Family Foundation, for continuing generous support providing scholarship funds for Maine island graduates.

Nancy and Robert Jordan with Anna Maine, recipient of the 2010 Seth Jordan Memorial Fund Scholarship