

The Geiger Education and Travel Scholarship supports full-time teachers and administrators in schools on Maine's year-round, un-bridged islands through funding for off-island professional development and experiential learning opportunities. By investing in unique, inspiring experiences for teachers and school leaders, these funds are meant to improve student learning.

Scholarships of up to \$2,500 will be awarded directly to the recipient for travel and/or educational expenses. Proposals can be for structured programs or informal self-designed travel and educational experiences. Recipients will be asked to submit an essay and photos detailing their experience for future program promotion and will not be eligible to re-apply for the Geiger Education and Travel Scholarship for Teachers for five years.

Eligibility Requirements:

- Full-time employment as a teacher or administrator in a school on one of Maine's year-round, unbridged islands

The application deadline is February 28, 2021. Awards will be given for proposals whose start date is up to one year after the application deadline. Awards cannot be deferred or postponed.

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 within six weeks of the application deadline. Scholarship funds will be mailed directly to the teacher or administrator to be used to cover costs of the professional development and/or experiential learning opportunity.

DECISION PROCESS

All award decisions will be based on applicant responses, proposal, and project budget. The evaluation committee will 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 Teacher" in the subject line.