

Pathways to a Successful Future

This journey has many options that eventually lead to a credential of value and a good job.

“ I had a great experience with the program! MAP helped my realize how many scholarships are out there, and the importance of setting goals for myself going into the future. ”



START HIGH SCHOOL



FRESHMAN + SOPHOMORES

- COMPASS**
- Establish a post-secondary plan
 - Explore and learn about your interests, passions, and talents
 - Participate in career/college fairs and visits, job shadows, service projects, travel opportunities



JUNIORS

- COMPASS**
- Continue to develop post-secondary plans
 - Experienceships (paid workforce experience)

- MAP**
- College-curious students apply to MAP in spring



SENIORS

- COMPASS**
- Workforce Grant: Up to \$1500 to help pay for workforce training and related expenses (ages 17-26)

- MAP**
- Cohort Kick Off/Leadership Intensive
 - Webinars, 1:1 support, cohort gatherings



HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

- WORK/TRAINING**
- Workforce Grant: up to \$1500

- TRAVEL/GAP YEAR**
- Geiger Travel Scholarship: up to \$10k

- COLLEGE**
- MAP support and scholarship: \$500/year for 4 years



CREDENTIAL OF VALUE
Certification, license, or college degree

GET A GOOD JOB!

Support for Navigating Life after High School

Compass & MAP are the Island Institute's aligned workforce development strategy and college/career readiness programs. Through Compass & MAP, we help prepare and connect young adults from Maine's island and coastal communities to post-secondary education and training opportunities, and to employers and careers along Maine's coast and beyond.

COMPASS

ACTIVITIES

Island Institute staff collaborate with island school counselors, teachers, and families to provide island high school students with a sequence of career-focused learning opportunities:

Get to know YOU

- interest inventories, four-year planning process

Get to know your OPTIONS

- higher education options, financial aid, college visits and fairs, Career Day with local Maine businesses

Get OTHERS to know you

- resumes, portfolio presentations, professional communication

Get to know OPPORTUNITIES for deeper learning and exploration

- summer travel and experienceships (job shadows, internships, and other career-based experiences)

COMPASS WORKFORCE GRANT

- Awards up to \$1500 available
- This grant provides financial support for young adults from Maine's islands, including Deer Isle-Stonington, to help pay for workforce expenses associated with obtaining a certificate or credential used to pursue a job or career path.

ELIGIBILITY AND APPLICATION

For complete information on eligibility requirements and the application process for the Compass Workforce Grant, go to:

- [Scholarship Overview](#)
- www.islandinstitute.org/education

MAP

ACTIVITIES

Cohort Gatherings: Kicking off with the Induction and Graduation celebration, students have several opportunities to connect with other Maine island students in their MAP cohort.

Summer Leadership Institute: In the summer after their junior year, MAP scholars will be invited to participate in a multi-day leadership training on a college campus geared to both college-bound and workforce-bound students.

Virtual Support Sessions: Students will have access to online sessions, both live and pre-recorded, on topics such as: Time Management, College Applications, Financial Aid, Accessing Scholarships, and Financial Literacy.

Individualized Support: Island Institute staff will be available to provide individualized support to MAP scholars and their families.

Peer Mentorship: In addition to peer-to-peer interactions where older MAP scholars can connect with younger cohorts to share experiences and advice, MAP scholars may choose to be paired with a peer mentor to help with the post-secondary transition process.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

- \$2,000-\$5,000 scholarships for post-secondary education
- MAP scholars who successfully meet program requirements will receive a scholarship of \$500/year for up to four years of post-secondary study or training
- Two MAP students per cohort are also eligible for one-time \$3,000 merit-based awards:
 - Seth Jordan Memorial Scholarship* – Casco Bay students
 - Peter and Philip Scholarship* – Downeast/Penobscot Bay students

ELIGIBILITY AND APPLICATION

The MAP program is open to high school juniors and seniors from Maine's unbridged islands. For complete information on eligibility requirements and the application process for the MAP Scholarship, go to:

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- www.islandinstitute.org/education