Compass Workforce Grant

OVERVIEW
Compass Workforce Grants help young people explore their chosen workforce pathways through direct support for workforce expenses such as training/tuition fees, travel costs, the purchase of equipment and supplies and paid internships.

ELIGIBILITY
Young adult (ages 15-30) AND must meet one or more of the following requirements:
- Live or work on one of Maine's year-round unbridged islands or Deer Isle-Stonington
- Have a family or community connection to a year-round, unbridged Maine island or Deer Isle-Stonington
- Have attended and/or graduated from an island school or the Deer-Isle Stonington school

Note – preference will be given to first time applicants who are year-round island and Deer Isle-Stonington residents

APPLICATION
- Personal Information
- Program/Work information
- Project Budget
- Personal statement about career goals
- Application Interview
- Reference

DEADLINES: October 31st and March 30th

COMPLETION REQUIREMENTS
- Funds must be spent within a year of being received.
- Within 30 days of completing their project, grant recipients must submit a written reflection about their experience and up to 5 photos, including at least one with them in it.

AWARD AMOUNT
Up to $2,000. Award amounts are determined by application quality (based on a scoring rubric) and number of applicants.

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS
- HiSET
- BA in Early Childhood Education
- BA in Elementary/Middle Level Education
- BA in Marine Biology
- BA in Hospitality/Business Admin.

CREDENTIALS
- 100-ton Master Captain’s License
- Deck Hand Certification
- Licensed Massage Therapist
- Private Pilot & Instrument Rating