

Chet Jordan Leadership Award

This scholarship is named after Joseph “Chet” Jordan. Chet was an inspiring individual who found opportunity in adversity. He was a visionary thinker who respected diverse opinions. He was actively involved with his family, friends, employees, and community and delighted in their successes. His family and friends established this scholarship in 1995 to celebrate the rich legacy of his achievements and leadership in business and civic affairs in his beloved state of Maine.

The Chet Jordan Leadership Award is presented to students who are achieving their goals despite hardship, adversity, or disability. Recipients will demonstrate leadership, independent thinking, initiative and hard work in their communities and schools. Academic excellence is not a prerequisite, but demonstrated compassion, dependability and resilience are. Recipients may apply for renewal consideration throughout their post-secondary education up to a maximum award of \$10,000.

Eligible applicants are graduating seniors at the following high schools: Augusta, Bangor, Brewer, Cape Elizabeth, Cheverus, Cony, Deering, Falmouth, Gorham, Greely, John Bapst, Katahdin, Portland, Scarborough, South Portland, Yarmouth, and all high schools in Aroostook County. Please complete each section of this application completely and thoughtfully.

More about Chet Jordan:

A native of Portland, Maine, Joseph “Chet” Jordan attended public schools in South Portland and graduated from South Portland High School in 1945. At age 12, Chet began working part-time in the family business, Jordan’s Meats. In 1949, the business was a small meat processor, one among many on Commercial Street in Portland, and over the years Chet led the company to become one of the largest independent meat processors and distributors in the country. Jordan’s employed about 30 employees in 1949, and at the time of his death, employed approximately 700 in five plants throughout New England. While achieving success for Jordan’s Meats, Chet shared his talents with the meat industry and the Maine community. In 1992 Chet was in a car accident that left him a quadriplegic. He spent over a year at Shepherd Spinal Center in Atlanta, GA. He worked very hard to come home to his family. When he returned home, Chet was able to go back to his business at Jordan’s Meat to again be the Chairman of the Board. In 1994, he became ill with pneumonia and passed away.

All applications and required information sent separately must be postmarked by April 15. Incomplete applications or those postmarked after this date will not be processed.

Name: _____

Address:

Street address or P.O. number _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip code: _____

Phone: _____ Cell: _____ E-mail: _____

High School: _____

Street address or P.O. number: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip code: _____

Contact: _____ Phone: _____

Post-secondary school for which aid is requested: _____

Anticipated major: _____ Degree program: _____

Do you work during the school year?

____ Yes (# of hours _____ location _____) _____ No

Summer Employment History

Position held	Period of Employment	Hours per week
_____	_____ to _____	_____
_____	_____ to _____	_____
_____	_____ to _____	_____

A Selection Committee comprised of Jordan family members, community leaders and Maine Community Foundation staff reviews your credentials. Your essay and recommendation letters are critically important components of your application. Please encourage the individuals submitting letters on your behalf to make their remarks specific to the Chet Jordan Leadership Award.

Personal Statement

The Chet Jordan Leadership Award is presented to students who are leaders despite hardship, adversity or disability. How have you created opportunity in your life? Please be specific. We'd like to know what challenge(s) you overcame, who provided inspiration and guidance to you, and the outcome. What have you learned from this experience? (Please limit to 500 words.)

Two Letters of Recommendation

The Chet Jordan Leadership Award celebrates students who are leaders despite hardship, adversity or disability. Please ask a representative of your school (e.g. teacher, guidance counselor, coach) and your community (e.g. supervisor, town coach, pastor) to submit a letter in support of your application that is specific to the eligibility criteria. A generic recommendation letter will be detrimental to your application. The letters must be current (dated after September 1, 2011), on official letterhead, contain your first and last name, and be signed by the writer, who must identify his/her relationship to you (not a family member). Email letters are not acceptable.

Required Information: (do not staple, please)

Please submit the information requested below printed on one side only (not front and back).

- This completed Application Form
- Your most recent high school transcript. A printout from the internet is not acceptable. We prefer you include your transcript with your application.
- Your complete Federal Student Aid Report (SAR), which must include your expected family contribution (EFC) and your family's adjusted gross income (AG). Do not send the FAFSA.
- Personal statement in business letter format.
- A letter of recommendation from a community sponsor as outlined above
- A letter of recommendation from an academic sponsor as outlined above
- A copy of your college financial aid offer.

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 postmarked after April 15 will not be processed. All information received from applicants will be held in confidence.

I certify that all information on this form is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that I may be asked to provide proof of information stated on this form, including a copy of my parent's and/or my prior year's U.S. Income Tax return.

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____

Signature of Applicant: _____

Family Information

Parent's current marital status: single married separated divorced widowed

Who is responsible for your support? mother father both other _____

Who do you live with? mother father both other _____

Number in household, including parents: _____

Total number of family members who will be attending college during the next academic year: _____

Funds available for your next year of college	
Family Contribution	\$ _____
Personal Savings/Earnings	\$ _____
Scholarships Awarded	\$ _____
Current-year Loans	\$ _____
Other (please explain)	\$ _____
TOTAL	\$ _____
Outstanding student loans: No. _____ Total \$ _____	

Please submit a copy of your college financial aid offer with this application.

College Budget (Cost of Attendance)

Please complete the cost of attendance at your first choice college below. This information is available in college publications, on the web or from the financial aid office. Please provide current-year numbers.

College Budget for _____ (first choice college)	
Tuition and Fees	\$ _____
Room and Board	\$ _____
Books and Materials	\$ _____
Transportation	\$ _____
Personal and other Expenses	\$ _____
TOTAL COST OF ATTENDANCE	\$ _____
Unusual Expenses (i.e. childcare/medical)	\$ _____

Please explain any special circumstances on a separate sheet.

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Chet Jordan Leadership Award
Maine Community Foundation
245 Main Street, Ellsworth, ME 04605

FINANCIAL INFORMATION RELEASE FORM

**** PLEASE FILL OUT AND MAIL THIS FORM TO YOUR **
COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY FINANCIAL AID OFFICE,
NOT TO MAINE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION**

ATTENTION: Financial Aid Officer

The student named below is applying to the Maine Community Foundation for a scholarship and requires your assistance in providing need-based information. Please keep this signed statement in the student's file for reference if you receive an inquiry from our Scholarship Coordinator regarding the student's financial aid award.

TO THE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANT:

I authorize release of financial aid award information to:

Maine Community Foundation
Scholarship Coordinator
245 Main Street
Ellsworth, ME 04605-1613
Tel: 207-667-9735 or toll free 877-700-6800
Fax: 207-667-0447
E-mail: info@mainecf.org Web: www.mainecf.org

College/University _____

Name of Student: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Student's Signature: _____

Date: _____

REMINDER: DO NOT mail this form to Maine Community Foundation