

Downeast Scholarship Fund RENEWAL

The Downeast Scholarship Fund, a collaboration of the Boston Foundation and the Maine Community Foundation, has made a 10-year commitment to support students from Washington County. Downeast Scholarship Fund recipients are encouraged to apply for renewal consideration throughout their post-secondary and graduate education. Your personal letter, grades, and recommendation letter are critically important components of your application. Please follow the submission guidelines carefully.

Applicants must be enrolled full-time (minimum of 12 credits per semester). Recipients who successfully complete a two-year degree program at WCCC and plan to pursue an undergraduate degree at UM, UMM or Maine Maritime and meet all other requirements of the scholarship may apply for renewal consideration.

Application Deadline: May 15

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

Name: _____

Post-secondary school for which aid is requested (please check one):

University of Maine at Orono _____ University of Maine at Machias _____

Maine Maritime Academy _____ Washington County Community College _____

Upcoming year in school (circle): Undergraduate 1 2 3 4

Anticipated major: _____ Degree program: _____

Mailing address at home:

Street address or P.O. number _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip code: _____ County: _____

Phone: _____ Cell: _____ E-mail: _____

Mailing address at college:

Street address or P.O. number: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip code: _____

Phone: _____ Cell: _____ E-mail: _____

Personal Letter: Please write the Downeast Scholarship Committee a letter summarizing your progress in school, including academic success, non-academic interests, and community involvement. There is no required minimum length, but your letter must be in business letter format, typed, and should not exceed two pages double-spaced..

Letter of Recommendation: Please submit a recommendation letter specific to the Downeast Scholarship from a current teacher or academic advisor detailing your accomplishments and commitment to achieving your goals. The letter must be current (dated after January 1, 2012), 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). E-mail letters are not acceptable.

Resume: Please submit a 1-2 page resume that includes work experience, membership organizations and community service participation.

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
- Personal statement, as outlined above
- Letter of recommendation, as outlined above
- Your college transcript from the fall semester. A printout from the internet is not acceptable. We prefer that 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
- 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 May 15 will not be processed. All information received from applicants will be held in confidence.

I certify that I am a legal resident of Maine, and that all information on this form is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I give my permission for any person listed on this application to be contacted for more information. I understand that I may be asked to provide proof of information stated on this form, including a copy of my parents' and/or my prior year's U.S. Income Tax return. In addition, I hereby authorize the college I will attend in the 20__ - __ school year to release information on financial aid awarded to me by the college and other sources to the Maine Community Foundation.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Parent: _____

All applications and required information sent separately must be postmarked by May 15 and sent to:

Downeast Scholarship Fund
Maine Community Foundation
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Ellsworth, ME 04605
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