

Richard A. Ferrier Scholarship Fund

WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO?

History and Purpose

A resident of Bowdoinham for many years, Richard Ferrier left a remarkable gift to his community through the Richard A. Ferrier Scholarship Fund...the gift of an education. Richard knew that there are many different ways to learn and that the journey itself is an important part of the process. His legacy supports Bowdoinham students in their journey and encourages them to consider the road less traveled.

This scholarship is for the “road less traveled,” meaning opportunities beyond the traditional school environment. Have you always wanted to take riding lessons? Do you picture yourself backpacking with Outward Bound? Want to perfect your soccer skills at a summer camp? Do you want to go to a summer camp? How about cutting a CD? This fund will help you pursue your passion. *What do you want to do?*

Eligibility Criteria

Residents of Bowdoinham between the ages of 13 and 18 are encouraged to apply. There is a preference for applicants for whom a scholarship will make a demonstrated difference in his/her ability to participate in a program.

Awards

The number and size of awards each year depends on the number of applications and funds available. However, the committee considers this a partnership between recipients and the fund and expects the applicant and his/her family to contribute something to the opportunity. **Awards are not retroactive.**

The award money may be used for tuition, room and board, books. However, award monies used for expenses other than tuition, books and supplies must be reported as taxable income by the recipient. It is the responsibility of the recipient to report and pay any tax liability.

The committee will consider membership fees to join an organization (such as a golf club) as long as such fees are an integral part of a larger program of study. Membership fees that are not part of a larger project will not be considered. The fund will not pay for equipment.

Selection Committee

Please contact Amy Petitti, (petittia@link75.org), Brooke Cox (bcox@bowdoinham.com), Marla Blake (blakem@link75.org), or Jill Hooper (hoopersj@comcast.net) if you have any questions. They will be pleased to find resources if you need help in completing the application.

Administration

There is one application deadline. All applications and required information sent separately must be postmarked by April 1. Incomplete applications or those postmarked after this date will not be processed.

Award checks will be issued by the Maine Community Foundation and made payable to the sponsoring organization as scholarship support for the recipient.

All applications and required information sent separately must be postmarked by April 1 and sent to:

Richard A. Ferrier Scholarship Fund
Maine Community Foundation
245 Main Street
Ellsworth, ME 04605
Phone: 1-877-700-6800
www.mainecef.org

Why do you want to do this?

List of school activities (attach additional sheet if necessary):

List of community activities:

List employment (including summer and part-time):

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

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 parents' and/or my prior year's U.S. Income Tax return.

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____

Signature of Applicant: _____

We'd like to know about you. Please share with us, in 500 words or less, some of the following information: What do you like to do? What do you study in school? How do you spend your free time? What's it like living in Bowdoinham?

Required Information: (do not staple, please)

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

- ❖ A completed application form, signed by you and your parent;
- ❖ Your personal statement;
- ❖ Letter of acceptance from the sponsoring organization or, if such a letter is not available, a completed application to the program or a brochure or other printed material about the program; and
- ❖ A signed recommendation letter specific to the Ferrier Scholarship from an adult telling us about you and why you should be considered for this award. The letter 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). E-mail letters are not acceptable.

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Recipients will be notified in early May. Awards are not retroactive. Incomplete or late applications will not be processed.