



**2012 Maine Island Scholarship Program Application**  
*Supporting Maine island students in their pursuit of academic excellence  
at high schools, colleges, and universities across the United States.*

***Guidelines***

For the 22<sup>nd</sup> year, the Island Institute will award scholarships to students from Maine's 15 year-round un-bridged island communities. The purpose of the Maine Island Scholarship Program is to support and strengthen Maine's year-round island communities by offering financial aid to island residents for educational purposes. Our goal is to contribute to the viability and vitality of year-round island life by assisting island residents in the pursuit of their educational goals. We recognize that scholarship aid is one of the most valuable and tangible services we can provide to island communities.

**Eligibility Requirements**

Applicants must be attending post-secondary education at a two- or four-year college, university, or vocational/technical institution. Applicants must have resided for a substantial part of their formative years (K-8) on the island they claim residency on.

There are specific residency requirements for each island; please see the list below to ensure that you are eligible:

***Peaks, Chebeague, Long, and Great Diamond:*** Applicants must have been a resident of the island for at least three years prior to graduating from high school.

***Cliff, Monhegan, Matinicus, Great Cranberry, Islesford, Frenchboro, Swan's, and Isle au Haut:*** Applicants must have claimed residency on the island for at least three years prior to graduating from high school. Special note: Students from these islands attending high school at a boarding school are also eligible for this scholarship to be used toward their high school tuition.

***Islesboro, North Haven, and Vinalhaven:*** Applicants must have graduated from their island's high school and have been a resident of the island for at least three years prior to graduating from high school.

**Awards**

With this form, applicants apply to the Maine Island Scholarship Program, which consists of the following scholarship awards:

**Maine Island Higher Education Scholarship:**

- This scholarship is available to year-round residents of Maine's 15 un-bridged island communities attending post-secondary institutions. In addition, a limited number of scholarships are available to students whose island communities do not have a high school and who must attend boarding schools on the mainland. Scholarships range from \$250 to \$5,000. There is no limit on the number of scholarships that will be given. ***Available to first-time and renewal applicants.***

**Louis W. Cabot Academic and Community Leadership Scholarship:**

- One \$10,000 scholarship will be given to a graduating high-school senior (year-round un-bridged island resident) to be applied to his or her first year of college tuition. The winner of the scholarship will be a graduate who exemplifies academic excellence; and who is recognized by his or her peers, teachers and community as exemplifying the true spirit of leadership in service to others. ***Available to one graduating high-school senior only.*** This scholarship also requires a second essay, a third recommendation letter, and finalist interviews if necessary.

**Nancy and George Putnam Scholarship**

- This new \$10,000 scholarship will be given to a graduating high-school senior (year-round un-bridged island resident) to be applied to his or her first year of college tuition. The winner of this scholarship will be a graduate who demonstrates high academic achievement at the end of his or her high school career, and also the positive attitude and ambition needed to overcome unique challenges and difficult circumstances. ***Available to one graduating high-school senior only.*** This prestigious scholarship also requires a second essay, a third recommendation letter, and finalist interviews if necessary.

### **S. Parkman Shaw Scholarship**

- This new \$10,000 scholarship will be given to a junior or senior in college (year-round un-bridged island resident). The winner of this scholarship will be an upperclassman who demonstrates not only successful academic growth and achievement over his or her college career, but also the capacity to overcome unique challenges and/or difficult circumstances. This prestigious scholarship also requires a second essay, a third recommendation letter, and finalist interviews if necessary. **Available to college junior and senior applicants only.**

### **Sweet Scholarship:**

- This scholarship awards \$5,000 to a graduating high-school senior (year-round un-bridged island resident) who exemplifies a combination of academic excellence and leadership. Each recipient will be considered for a renewal Sweet Scholarship in the amount of \$2,500 for each of two succeeding academic years, based on demonstrated academic success in the previous year (maintaining a 3.5 GPA). **Available to graduating high-school seniors only.**

### **Otter Island Fund:**

- Any year-round un-bridged island resident who attends one of the following secondary or post-secondary schools is eligible to receive this special scholarship which is renewable for each year that the student attends the eligible school. Schools included in this fund are: Pomfret, Groton, St. George's, Northfield-Mt. Hermon, Connecticut College, Vanderbilt University, Colorado College, Texas Christian University, Duke University, University of Utah, or Harvard Business School. **Available to first-time and renewal applicants.**

### **Cynthia and Peter Kellogg Scholarship:**

- This \$5,000 award recognizes academic excellence and an interest in the fields of business and finance. **Available to sophomore, junior, and senior applicants only.**

### **Shaw Fund for Mariners' Children Scholarship:**

- This scholarship is available to un-bridged year-round island residents attending post-secondary educational institutions and whose parents make his or her living out on the water in a vessel. Scholarships range from \$250 to \$3,000. **Available to first-time and renewal applicants.**

### **Seth Jordan Memorial Fund Scholarship:**

- An additional award of \$2,000 will be given to supplement the scholarship received by the graduating high-school senior residing in Casco Bay who has the highest GPA. **Available to graduating high-school senior applicants only.**

### **Decision Process**

All award decisions will be based on academic achievement, extra-curricular activities, the personal statement, and special circumstances. The Island Institute reserves the right to determine how best to balance these criteria when evaluating applications.

### **Administration**

An evaluation committee composed of island residents and Institute staff will make scholarship award decisions. Students are eligible for the Maine Island Higher Education Scholarship for all four years of college, but are required to reapply each year; renewal of the scholarship will not be automatic.

**All applications must be postmarked no later than April 2, 2012. 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 2, will not be processed.** All information received from applicants will be treated as confidential. Award winners will be notified no later than May 31.

Each award will be mailed to the school in December. Awards cannot be deferred for any period of time. Checks will be made payable jointly to the student and the school and applied to the second-semester expenses. If you have questions about the Maine Island Scholarship Program, please call Island Education Fund Associate, Benjamin Odgren, at (207) 594-9209, ext. 128.

Mail completed application to:  
**Maine Island Scholarship Program**  
**C/O MAINE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION**  
**245 MAIN STREET**  
**ELLSWORTH, ME 04605**

## Maine Island Scholarship Program Application

*Applications must be postmarked by April 2*

### PART I: PERSONAL INFORMATION

Did you receive a college scholarship from the Island Institute last year?  yes (renewal applicant)  no (first-time applicant)

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Mailing Address:

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Street or P.O. Box) (City/Island) (State) (Zip)

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

Male ( ) Female ( )

Did your parent substantially make his/her living out on the water in a vessel? Yes or No

Are you a widow or widower of a mariner? Yes or No

Name of the Grammar School You Graduated From: \_\_\_\_\_

High School Attending/Attended: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of High School Graduation: \_\_\_\_\_

Post-Secondary School for Which Aid is Requested:

\_\_\_\_\_

Address of Post-Secondary School:

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Street or P.O. Box) (City/Town) (State) (Zip)

Upcoming Year in School (circle) Undergraduate 1 2 3 4

Major Field of Study: \_\_\_\_\_ Degree Anticipated: BA \_\_\_ BS \_\_\_ Other \_\_\_

Have you been accepted to the college of your choice? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

Based on your Federal Student Aid Report (SAR), please state your Expected Family Contribution (EFC)

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

What amount of your college tuition and expenses does your family anticipate will not be met by scholarships and/or grants? In other words, how much are you and your family paying out-of-pocket?

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

### PART II: RECOMMENDATION LETTERS (2)

You must provide two letters of recommendation. Letters should provide examples of leadership in projects and solid academic performance. Recommendation letters should be from a school faculty or staff member at your current school, a recent employer, or current mentor or advisor. The letters 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). DO NOT use old letters of recommendation from prior years.

E-mail letters are not acceptable. Please list the individuals who are providing your recommendation letters.

Name Position How many years have they known you?

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

**PART III: LEADERSHIP ACTIVITIES**

List of leadership activities (attach additional sheet if necessary). This should include any office held, any organizations founded, or mentoring roles. Please include only activities during the current school year (2011-2012). If you are currently in college, DO NOT include high school activities.

Activity Name	Brief description of activity and # of years of participation

**PART IV: EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

List of Extra-Curricular Activities (attach additional sheet if necessary). Please include only activities during the current school year (2011-2012). If you are currently in college, DO NOT include high school activities.

Activity Name	Brief description of activity and # of years of participation

**PART V: PERSONAL STATEMENT/ ESSAY**

(750 words or less for first-time applicants, 500 words or less for renewal applicants) Your personal statement/essay is a critical component of your application. Please take special care in writing it. (Attach a separate sheet.) Also, please be sure to title your essay with the question you will be answering.

**Personal Statement/Essay questions for FIRST-TIME and HIGH SCHOOL applicants:** Please choose one question.

1. Has your island influenced your career goals? Why or why not?
2. Describe a risk you have taken, and how it did, or did not, pay off.
3. What would you say to someone who asks you what the best and worst aspects of living on an island are?

**Personal Statement/Essay questions for RENEWAL applicants:** Please choose one question.

1. What has been the most difficult aspect of college for you and why? How did you deal with this difficulty?
2. College involves a lot of independent research. What sort of independent research have you done that has had an effect on you?
3. How has a negative experience had a positive influence on your life?

**PART VI: \$10,000 SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS:** Only complete this section if you are eligible to apply for the:

- Louis W. Cabot Academic and Community Leadership Scholarship
- The Nancy and George Putnam Scholarship
- The S. Parkman Shaw Scholarship

The recipients of these scholarships will be asked to participate in the annual Island Scholars Luncheon, to be held on Saturday, June 2, at Point Lookout in Northport.

**A. ESSAY QUESTION:** (please include on a separate sheet of paper labeled with the name of the scholarship you are applying for)

In a personal statement of 750 words or less, please describe an experience (whether it be a leadership role, an unexpected challenge, a personal hardship overcome, etc.) that has informed your outlook on your own life in a positive way. How you have incorporated that experience (or experiences) into your everyday life and future goals?

**B. ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDATION LETTER:**

This recommendation letter should discuss your leadership skills and community-service experiences. A community member not employed by the school is recommended. 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.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Position: \_\_\_\_\_

**C. INTERVIEW:**

Telephone number to reach you if you qualify as a finalist: \_\_\_\_\_

Best time to reach you: \_\_\_\_\_

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 understand that I may be asked to provide proof of information stated on this form.

Signature of Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

**Your application must include:** Please see the attached checklist.

**\* MARK YOUR CALENDARS \***  
**The 2012 Island Scholars Luncheon will be held on**  
**Saturday, June 2, at Point Lookout in Northport**  
Hope to see you and your family there!

**COMMENTS:**

- Explain any special circumstances that might affect your financial need. Use a separate sheet if necessary.
- Applications postmarked after April 2, 2012 will **not** be processed<sup>1</sup>.
- The *Island Fellows Program* places recent college graduates in remote coastal and island communities. The fellowships are designed to match requests for services and skill sets made by organizations in those communities. Fellows are involved in education, community planning, marine resources, youth programs, GIS, technology and science initiatives, as well as other areas. Fellows live and work in the island community, making them more responsive to island issues. Island college graduates are encouraged to inquire about the Island Fellows Program by contacting Chris Wolff, director of community development at the Island Institute, at [cwolff@islandinstitute.org](mailto:cwolff@islandinstitute.org).
- If you qualify for a scholarship, but feel like you may fall within a “gray area” regarding the eligibility requirements for your island, please use the space below to explain the situation as best you can, so that we may properly evaluate your application.

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<sup>1</sup> *The Maine Community Foundation reserves the right not to process applications found to be incomplete as of the application deadline.*



**Maine Island Scholarship Program  
Application Checklist:**

- Personal information (Application)
- Leadership and extracurricular activity lists (Application)
- Two *current* letters of recommendation as outlined in the application
- A copy of your most recent high-school or college transcript (i.e., from your fall semester). A printout from the internet is not acceptable. We prefer that you include your transcript with your application.
- Applicant personal statement/essay
- Applicant photo (for use to publicize winners)
- Financial information release form
- Signatures of applicant and parent/guardian
- Please complete the financial information release form and send it to the college you will be attending in the fall of 2012. Please **DO NOT** return this to the Maine Community Foundation.

If applying for the \$10,000 awards (Louis W. Cabot Academic and Community Leadership Scholarship, Nancy and George Putnam Scholarship, or the S. Parkman Shaw Scholarship), please also include the following items:

- A third letter of recommendation from a community member
- An additional essay (please see Part VI)

**All applications must be postmarked no later than April 2, 2012.**

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***PLEASE DO NOT STAPLE YOUR SUBMISSION***

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MAINE ISLAND SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM  
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'S FINANCIAL AID OFFICE,  
NOT TO MAINE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION**

**ATTENTION: Financial Aid Officer**

The student named below is applying 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  
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](mailto:info@mainecf.org) Web: [www.mainecf.org](http://www.mainecf.org)

College/University \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Student: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**REMINDER: DO NOT MAIL THIS FORM TO MAINE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION.**