

**MAINE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION  
MAINE VIETNAM VETERANS' SCHOLARSHIP FUND  
GUIDELINES AND APPLICATION**

***HISTORY:***

The Vietnam Veterans' Leadership Program of Maine, Inc., was founded in January of 1984 for the purpose of enhancing the image of Vietnam veterans. The organization was funded through a federal grant and was comprised of volunteers, all Vietnam veterans, from throughout the State of Maine.

The central thrust of the program was to leave a lasting legacy in order that the service and sacrifices made in Vietnam would not be forgotten. That legacy was manifested in the form of the Maine Vietnam Veterans' Memorial in Augusta and the Maine Vietnam Veterans' Scholarship Fund. The fund is designed as a living monument dedicated to helping future generations. Both the memorial and the fund were made possible by contributions from banks, businesses, and individuals in the State of Maine.

***PURPOSE & ELIGIBILITY:***

The purpose of the fund is to provide scholarship support to Maine veterans of the United States Armed Services who served in the Vietnam Theater and to their descendants. A second priority for scholarships is to children of veterans of the United States Armed Services. "Descendants" include natural and legally adopted children and their descendants.

To be eligible, those receiving scholarships must be taking, or about to take, post-secondary level training or education at accredited public or private colleges, universities, vocational, or professional schools. Graduating high school seniors, adult learners, and college students are eligible to apply.

***AWARDS:***

Annual awards will be based on the recommendation of the selection committee and dependent on available funds. Award monies used for expenses other than tuition, books and supplies must be reported as taxable income by the recipient. It will be the responsibility of the recipient to report and pay any tax liability.

**All applications and required information sent separately must be postmarked by May 1. Incomplete applications or those postmarked after this date will not be processed.** Students will be notified of scholarship decisions in June. Each award will be mailed to the school in December. Checks will be made payable jointly to the student and the school and applied to the second semester expenses.

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

Maine Vietnam Veterans' Scholarship Fund  
Maine Community Foundation  
245 Main Street  
Ellsworth, ME 04605

***Required Information: (do not staple, please)***

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

- This completed application
- Official high school or college transcript from the fall semester. A printout from the internet is not acceptable. We prefer that you include this with your application. Please call if you have questions concerning this (1-877-700-6800).
- Signed recommendation letter from a current representative of your school (teacher, guidance counselor or coach) or employer in support of your application. 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.
- Personal statement
- Copy of your financial aid award letter from the college you will attend, if you have received it by May 1.
- Your completed Federal Student Aid report, which must include you Expected Family Contribution (EFC) and your family's adjusted gross income (AG). Do not send the FAFSA.

# MAINE VIETNAM VETERANS' SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE OF BIRTH: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ CELL PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_  
PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

**If parent/guardian will be claiming you as a dependent this year, please list their name:**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

COLLEGE FOR WHICH AID IS REQUESTED: \_\_\_\_\_

I am a: ( ) high school senior  
( ) undergraduate student ( ) graduate student  
( ) high school graduate but have never been enrolled  
full time as a college student  
( ) other: attach explanation

MAJOR AREA OF STUDY: \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER OF YEARS EXPECTED TO COMPLETE  
THIS PROGRAM: \_\_\_\_\_

UPCOMING YEAR IN COLLEGE (circle one):

UNDERGRADUATE    1   2   3   4  
GRADUATE            5   6   7   8

I WILL BE ENROLLED: ( ) less than half time  
( ) half time or more ( ) full time  
I WILL LIVE: ( ) on campus  
( ) home with parents ( ) home with spouse

**\*\*\*THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION MUS T BE COMPLETE IN ORDER FOR CONSIDERATION\*\*\***

**ELIGIBILITY:** Please check appropriate statement and supply requested information.

( ) I am a veteran of the U.S. Armed Services who served in the Vietnam Theater.  
Dates of service in Vietnam \_\_\_\_\_  
Branch and unit in which you served \_\_\_\_\_  
Armed services identification number \_\_\_\_\_

**-OR-**

( ) I am the child / grandchild (**CIRCLE ONE**) of a veteran of the U.S. Armed Services who served in the Vietnam Theater.  
Name of parent or grandparent \_\_\_\_\_  
Dates of service in Vietnam \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent's/grandparents armed services I.D. number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Branch and unit in which he/she served \_\_\_\_\_

**-OR-**

( ) I am the child of a veteran of the U.S. Armed Services did not serve in the Vietnam Theater.  
Name of parent \_\_\_\_\_  
Dates of service \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent's armed services I.D. number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Branch and unit in which he/she served \_\_\_\_\_

***Your application will not be reviewed if this section is not completed properly.***

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES & NUMBER OF YEARS PARTICIPATING: (attach additional sheet if necessary)

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

WORK EXPERIENCE: List any paid work experiences you have had in the past four years.

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**PERSONAL STATEMENT:** Please tell us about your career goals and how your education plans relate to them. Also, please note any circumstances that you feel warrant special consideration. Your statement should be no more than 2 pages, typed and in essay or business letter format.

**RECOMMENDATION LETTER:** Signed recommendation letter from a current representative of your school (teacher, guidance counselor or coach) or employer in support of your application. 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.

*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 1 will not be processed. All information received from applicants will be held in confidence.*

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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 the form, including a copy of my prior year U.S. Income Tax return, and if I do not provide this proof when asked, I may not be considered for aid. By signing this application form, I hereby authorize the college I will attend in the ( )\* school year to release information on financial aid awarded to me by the college and other sources to Maine Community Foundation’s Vietnam Veterans’ Scholarship Program. \*Please fill in the appropriate year above.

Student’s Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Spouse’s Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Maine Community Foundation  
245 Main Street, Ellsworth, ME 04605

## Family Information

Parents' 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Please submit a copy of your college financial aid offer (returning students may submit prior year letter) 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.

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

**Please explain any special circumstances on a separate sheet.**

# 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](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**