

# Pearl Starbird Scholarship Fund

## Guidelines

### ***History:***

Pearl Starbird is an accomplished artist and musician. She shared her passion for art for many years as a teacher in the Boston schools. Her skill as a cellist was a more personal interest, which she enjoyed with her friends. Although she worked in Boston throughout her career, Pearl considered her family's camp in Waterford to be her home. This is where she spent her summer vacations and came to live when she retired from teaching. She brought her love of classical music and art to Waterford and established this scholarship to encourage students who share her passion to pursue their education in these fields.

### ***Purpose:***

The purpose of this fund is to provide renewable scholarship support to graduates of any Oxford County, Maine, high school or Lake Region High School in Naples, Maine, to pursue college-level education in music or the arts. This fund is meant to make the difference between a student choosing to major in art or music as opposed to a "more practical" course of study.

### ***Eligibility:***

Graduates of high schools in Oxford County and Lake Region High School who are majoring in music or the arts at the college level are eligible to apply.

Preference is given to students who plan to study classical music. Students of other genres of music must demonstrate a component of studio training/discipline in their curriculum.

Preference is also given to students planning to study the fine arts, with special consideration given to painting, drawing, and sculpture.

Eligible applicants will be students in good academic standing with a demonstrated interest in the arts or music. Recipients must apply for renewal consideration annually. Financial need may be taken into consideration in the case of similar applicants.

Art and music, in this case, are not to be confused with architecture, interior design/decorating, landscape design/architecture and culinary arts, all of which are equally exciting endeavors, but which are not the focus of this scholarship.

### ***Awards:***

Annual awards will be based on the recommendation of the selection committee and be dependent on available funds. Preference will be given to the recipients of prior grants from the Starbird Fund who are enrolled in and attempting to complete an undergraduate degree. 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.

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

Pearl Starbird Scholarship Fund  
Maine Community Foundation  
245 Main Street  
Ellsworth, ME 04605  
Tel: 877-700-6800 (toll free)  
[info@mainecf.org](mailto:info@mainecf.org)

*Incomplete applications or those postmarked after this date will not be accepted. All information received from applicants will be treated as confidential.*

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

**College:** \_\_\_\_\_

Name of academic advisor: \_\_\_\_\_ Dept. \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**College major:** \_\_\_\_\_ **College minor:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Program of Study:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Year in school (circle):** Undergraduate 1 2 3 4

**Mailing address at home:**

Street address or P.O. number \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**High school:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date graduated:** \_\_\_\_\_

Street address or P.O. number \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_

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

**You mailing address at college (if applicable):**

Street address or P.O. number: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**Personal statement:** Explain why you are pursuing a career in art or music and what your specific areas of interest are. What artist/composer/performer has most influenced your work and why? Why is it important to you to attend the college of your choice? (Please submit a typed essay of no more than 500 words.)

**Letter of intent:** If you are a graduating high school senior, please submit a letter of intent describing your interests and ambitions in the creative arts area and what fields you would like to study.

**Extracurricular activities:**

Describe up to four activities that are most significant to you that you have participated in during the past two years. These may include community service, clubs, sports, etc.

Activity	Leadership Position	Year(s)	Avg. Hours per Week	Total Hours per Year

**Employment history:** Provide your employment history for the past two years.

1. Employer: \_\_\_\_\_ Position: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Employment Dates: from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ Avg. hours worked per week \_\_\_\_\_

2. Employer: \_\_\_\_\_ Position: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Employment Dates: from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ Avg. hours worked per week \_\_\_\_\_

**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
- Copy of your most recent school transcript showing GPA to date. A printout from the internet is not acceptable. We prefer that you include your transcript with your application.
- Copy of 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 essay or business letter format – grammar, spelling, and punctuation count.
- Letter of intent (graduating high school seniors only)
- Five (5) copies of a performance tape, CD, or portfolio reflecting your current work. Please refer to the portfolio requirements form.
- Resume, including performance/exhibit history, awards, honors, community service, employment and internships.
- A letter of recommendation from a current art or music teacher detailing your accomplishments and your commitment to a career in your chosen field. The letter must be current (dated after January 1, 2010), 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.
- A copy of your college financial aid offer (returning students may submit prior year letter).

It is the responsibility of the applicant to submit all of the required items 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 parents’ and/or my prior year’s U.S. Income Tax return.*

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

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

## 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.

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Ellsworth, ME 04605

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant Name

## **Pearl Starbird Scholarship Fund Portfolio Requirements**

Applicants to the Pearl Starbird Scholarship Fund must submit a portfolio/performance CD of current work. Please follow the instructions below carefully. Incomplete and/or inaccurate submissions will not be reviewed. Submissions will not be returned.

### **Music**

Major Music Interest:

Voice (state type) \_\_\_\_\_ Instrument \_\_\_\_\_

Other \_\_\_\_\_

Music majors must submit the following applicable materials and a separate sheet clearly identifying your name, contact information, repertoire and composer, and instrument.

- Voice: Five (5) copies of a CD of four songs, including two pieces from standard Musical Theatre literature.
- Instrument: Five (5) copies of a CD of 7-10 minutes of music performed on your principal instrument demonstrating the full range of your technical and musical accomplishments.

### **Visual Arts**

Major Field of Interest: \_\_\_\_\_

Please submit five (5) copies of a portfolio of no less than six (6) arts works done in the past year. We prefer PowerPoint. Digital portfolios must conform to the following specifications:

- File Format: JPEG only
- Resolution: 300 dpi
- File Size: approximately 700 x 700 pixels
- File Name: identify each image with your name and number (e.g., Jones-001.jpg)

Please be sure to orient your images correctly. Accurate and simple representations of your artwork are paramount. You may include both full views and details of works. Full views of works should precede detail shots. Please include a list with the title/description, medium, and size of each piece of artwork in the portfolio.

**Please note: Do not send zip files or floppy discs and please do not use binders or folders. All CDs must be labeled with your name and contact information.**

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# 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.**