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**Scholarships Available to Bowdoinham Students**

**ELLSWORTH & PORTLAND—**The Maine Community Foundation’s Richard Ferrier Scholarship offers financial assistance to Bowdoinham residents between the ages of 13 and 18 as of June 1, 2022, to pursue their artistic, academic, athletic and vocational or life’s passion outside of the traditional school environment. Eligible applicants must be residents of Bowdoinham who clearly demonstrate a need for financial assistance. Preference is for applicants who have resided in Bowdoinham for at least one year. Awards are not retroactive; the student’s program must start after June 1 of the application year. The fund does not pay for equipment, instruments, transportation, or Drivers’ Ed.

Over the years the committee has awarded many scholarships to Bowdoinham Community School and Bowdoinham students who used the funds to participate in activities including sports camps, theater camp, clown camp, dog agility lessons, educational tours, workshops and the Bath Area YMCA trips.

The application deadline for the Ferrier Scholarship is **June 1, 2022**.  Paper applications are available at the Bowdoinham Town Office, the Bowdoinham Public Library, and at the Maine Community Foundation website, [www.mainecf.org](http://www.mainecf.org) to download and print. Please contact committee members Becca Norklun (norklun@gmail.com), Nicole Dunton (duntonn@link75.org), Chris Whitney (recreation@bowdoinham.com), or Jon Beede (beedej@link75.org), or Jackie Shannon at Maine Community Foundation (js@mainecf.org) if you have any questions.

A statewide organization with offices in Ellsworth and Portland, the Maine Community Foundation has worked with donors and educators since 1983 to provide Maine students with access to educational opportunities. The community foundation manages more than 600 scholarship funds.

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