

Richard A. Ferrier Scholarship Fund

Guidelines

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 take dance lessons? How about taking up guitar? This fund will help you pursue your passion. *What do you want to do?*

Eligibility

Residents of Bowdoinham between the ages of 8 and 18 as of June 1 this year 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/their family to contribute something to the opportunity. **Awards are not retroactive; the student’s program must start after June 1 of the application year.**

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, nor Drivers’ Ed.**

Students seeking support for the YMCA Freedom Tour: please be aware that the committee does not make its determinations until after the June deadline. This award is not retroactive, if you are participating in the current year’s trip, we cannot consider your application. If you are seeking funding for the following year tour and are between the ages of 8 and 18 **by June 1 of NEXT year**, please submit your application this year. The maximum award for this trip is \$450.

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

Richard A. Ferrier Scholarship Fund Application

Assistance will be provided to students between the ages of 8 and 18 (as of the application deadline), who are residents of Bowdoinham pursuing their artistic, academic, athletic, and vocational or life’s passion outside of the traditional school environment (e.g., experiential education, tuition for summer programs or studies, or special athletic instruction). 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 are not retroactive.

Applicant Details

Applicant’s name:			
Mailing address:			
Phone number:			
Email address:			
Applicant’s gender:	<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Non-binary <input type="checkbox"/> Prefer not to disclose		
Age: <i>As of June 1 deadline.</i>		Resident of Bowdoinham since:	
Please indicate how you identify yourself by checking one:	<input type="checkbox"/> American Indian or Alaskan Native <input type="checkbox"/> Arabic <input type="checkbox"/> Asian <input type="checkbox"/> Black or African American <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic or Latinx <input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander <input type="checkbox"/> White <input type="checkbox"/> Multiracial <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Prefer not to answer		
Name of parent/guardian:			
Email address of parent/guardian:			

School Information

Name of school:	
School mailing address:	
Grade Level:	

Program Information

Name of program you wish to attend:			
Program start date:		Program finish date:	
Organization offering program:			
Address:			
Program contact:			
Program phone number:			
Program email address:			

Program Costs

Cost of program: <i>Do not include transportation and incidentals.</i>	\$
Financial aid from sponsoring organization:	\$
Financial aid from community sources:	\$
Contribution from parents or relatives:	\$
Contribution from student's savings or work:	\$

<p>Total funds available: <i>Add previous four lines of financial aid and contribution amounts.</i></p>	\$
<p>Amount of aid requested: <i>Subtract Total Funds Available from Cost of Program. Note that scholarship awards are typically \$250-\$2,500.</i></p>	\$

Activities

<p>Why do you want to do this? <i>Attach as separate sheet if necessary.</i></p>	
<p>List school activities: <i>Attach as separate sheet if necessary.</i></p>	
<p>List community activities: <i>Attach as separate sheet if necessary.</i></p>	
<p>List employment: <i>Include summer and part-time employment. Include business, position, period of employment and hours per week for each position.</i></p>	

Personal Statement

Please attach personal statement as separate sheet.

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?

Application Checklist and Attachments

Please review this list and make sure you have taken care of all required parts, including attachments listed.

- Completed application (pages 2-5)**
- 500-words (or less) personal statement (attachment)**
- Letter of Acceptance from the sponsoring organization, or if none (such as a Y Camp), a copy of the brochure explaining the program which you wish to attend.**

Certifications

I certify that all information on this form is true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Signature of Applicant: _____ **Date:** _____

Signature of Guardian: _____ **Date:** _____

Please contact committee members Jason Lamoreau (recreation@bowdoinham.com) or MaineCF staff member Brittani Peasley (bpeasley@mainecf.org) if you have any questions.

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

Richard A. Ferrier Scholarship Fund
Maine Community Foundation
245 Main Street
Ellsworth, ME 04605

Recipients will be notified in mid-June. Awards are not retroactive. Incomplete or late applications will not be processed.