

RICE SCHOLARSHIP FUND APPLICATION

The Rice Scholarship Fund was established in 1996 to provide scholarship support for students who have resided a substantial part of their formative years (K-8) on an off-shore island of Maine in the area from Seguin to Eastport who are attending accredited, degree-granting colleges or vocational training schools. While there is a preference for residents of off-shore islands, eligible residents of bridged islands of Maine are also invited to submit an application. Recipients will be selected based on financial need and their ongoing, demonstrated commitment to community service. Applicants must have graduated from a non-sectarian high school.

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.

Renewal Application: yes no

Name: _____ **Date of Birth:** _____

Post-secondary school for which aid is requested: _____

Upcoming year in school (circle): Undergraduate 1 2 3 4

Mailing address at home:

Street address or P.O. number _____

Town: _____ State: _____ Zip code: _____

Phone: _____ Cell: _____ E-mail: _____

Resident of this town since: _____ If you are no longer an island resident, please explain your circumstances. _____

Island elementary school: _____ **Date graduated:** _____

Principal: _____ Phone: _____

High school: _____ **Date graduated:** _____

Street address or P.O. number _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip code: _____

Phone: _____

College: _____

College major: _____ College minor: _____

Name of academic advisor: _____ Dept. _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Please share the highlights of your current (within the past three years) community service.

Volunteer History	Your Role	# of Years
Organization		

Do you work during the academic year (include work study)?

____ Yes (# of hours _____ location _____) _____ No

Summer Employment History

Position held	Period of Employment	Hours per week
_____	_____ to _____	_____
_____	_____ to _____	_____
_____	_____ to _____	_____

In a typed **personal statement** of 500 words or less, describe your aspirations and how your educational plans relate to them. Also, please note any personal or family circumstances that you feel make you particularly eligible for a scholarship. (Attach a separate sheet).

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
- A typed personal statement in essay or business letter format – grammar, spelling, and punctuation count
- A copy of your resume
- A signed letter of recommendation from a current guidance counselor, teacher or other adult mentor. 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 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.

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. In addition, 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 the Maine Community Foundation.

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ Date _____

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date _____

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: _____ Ages of siblings: _____

Total number of family members attending college during the next academic year: _____

Family Financial Information

Print name of Parents or Guardian submitting information

Parent's employer(s)	Years employed:
Parents' gross income from all sources (for previous calendar year)	\$
Parents' non-taxable income (Social security, child support, welfare benefits, workers compensation, earned income credit, etc.)	\$
Parents' untaxed income (Payments to IRA, Keogh, 401K or other tax deferred plans. Include foreign income exclusion.)	\$
Parents' Total Income	\$

Assets		Liabilities	
Cash in bank	\$	Credit Card Balances	\$
Savings accounts	\$	Charge Accounts	\$
Investment accounts	\$	Loans on Investments	\$
Market value of home	\$	Mortgage on home	\$
Other real estate	\$	Mortgages on other	\$
Value of autos (show make & year)			
1)	\$	Outstanding Loan (1)	\$
2)	\$	Outstanding Loan (2)	\$
3)	\$	Outstanding Loan (3)	\$
Other Assets (list)		Other Debts (list)	
	\$		\$
	\$		\$
Total Assets	\$	Total Liabilities	\$
Net Worth (Total Assets minus Total Liabilities)			\$

Funds Available for Your Next Year of College

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

Family Contribution	\$
Personal Savings/Earnings	\$
Scholarships Awarded	\$
Current-year Loans	\$
Other (please explain)	\$
TOTAL	\$
Outstanding student loans: No. _____ Total \$ _____	

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.

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

Please explain any special circumstances on a separate sheet.

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

Rice Scholarship Fund
 Maine Community Foundation
 245 Main Street
 Ellsworth, ME 04605
 Tel: 207-667-9735

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 Web: www.mainecf.org**

College/University _____

Name of Student: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Student's Signature: _____

Date: _____

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