# A logo with white text Description automatically generated Daniel Cardillo Charitable Fund

## Guidelines

### History

The family, friends and admirers of Dan Cardillo, a compassionate young man with a true love of life and its possibilities, established the Daniel Cardillo Charitable Fund in 1999. Dan was a junior Olympic skier, an avid fisherman, a serious student, a gifted artist and an exceptionally kind human being. He lived life fully and attacked his challenges with a passion that has become legendary. He encouraged others to do their personal best and reach for their goals.

This Fund celebrates Dan’s passion for life and his friends by encouraging others to achieve their personal best. Scholarship assistance will be provided to young people pursuing their artistic, academic, athletic, and vocational or life’s passion outside of the traditional school environment (i.e. experiential education, tuition for summer programs, camps or studies, special athletic or arts instruction, but not college tuition).

### Eligibility Requirements

Eligible applicants must have a demonstrated need for financial assistance and clearly demonstrate:

* Must attend a technical school, college or university in the United States or Canada.
* A commitment to their passion (e.g. through participation in lessons, performances, competitions, and volunteerism)
* A clear vision of their goals
* Compassion for others (e.g. through school and community involvement)

### Awards

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. Recipients of an award must use their award within twelve (12) months of the grant or forfeit the award. Should recipients fail to complete the terms of the award, they shall repay the entire grant to the Daniel Cardillo Charitable Fund or provide a written request for extension of the award period. Scholarship awards typically range from $250 to $2,500 and are paid directly to the camp or organization. The amount of the award cannot exceed the total cost of the program.

Awards are not retroactive and cannot fund programs already in progress by the May 1 deadline. All information received from applicants will be treated as confidential. Award winners will be notified by June 15.

# Daniel Cardillo Charitable Fund Application

### Applicant Details

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| **Applicant’s name:** |  | | |
| **Mailing address:** |  | | |
| **Phone number:** |  | | |
| **Email address:** |  | | |
| **Applicant’s gender:** | ☐ Male ☐ Female ☐ Non-binary ☐ Prefer not to disclose | | |
| **Age:**  *As of May 1 deadline.* |  | **Place of birth:** |  |
| **Please indicate how you identify yourself by checking one:** | ☐ American Indian or Alaskan Native  ☐ Arabic  ☐ Asian  ☐ Black or African American  ☐ Hispanic or Latinx  ☐ Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander  ☐ White  ☐ Multiracial  ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  ☐ Prefer not to answer | | |
| **Name of parent/guardian:** |  | | |
| **Email address of parent/guardian:** |  | | |

### School Information

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| **Name of school:** |  |
| **School mailing address:** |  |

### Program Information

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| **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

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| **Cost of program:**  *Do not include transportation and incidentals.* | $ |
| **Financial aid from sponsoring organization:** | $ |
| **Financial aid from community sources:** | $ |
| **Contribution from parents or relatives:** | $ |
| **Contribution from student’s savings or work:** | $ |
| **Total funds available:** *Add previous four lines of financial aid and contribution amounts.* | $ |
| **Amount of aid requested:**  *Subtract Total Funds Available from Cost of Program. Note that scholarship awards are typically $250-$2,500.* | $ |

### Personal Statement

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| **Please attach 500-word personal statement as separate sheet.**   * ***New Applicants:* This scholarship is awarded to recipients who demonstrate the following: 1) Commitment to your passion; 2) Aspirations/Goals; and 3) compassion for others. Please describe yourself and how the pursuit of your passion / vocation meets the three criteria above.** * ***Renewal Applicants:* Please tell us about the progress you have made in your field since you last wrote to us focusing on the 3 criteria listed above.** |

### Activities

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| **List activities demonstrating your commitment to your passion, including the time period involved:**  *Attach as separate sheet if necessary.* |  |
| **List school activities:**  *Attach as separate sheet if necessary.* |  |
| **List community activities:**  *Attach as separate sheet if necessary.* |  |
| **List employment:**  *Include summer and part-time employment. Include business, position, period of employment and hours per week for each position.* |  |

### Family Financial Information

Please submit information for the previous calendar year. Additionally, Please share any other financial information that would be relevant for the committee to know, such as outstanding debts, medical bills, etc that affect your family’s finances and help to demonstrate the need for this scholarship.

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| **Are you classified by the U.S. Department of Education as “independent”?**  *If yes, please complete form with your own family and financial information.* | ☐ Yes ☐ No |
| **Total size of household (including parents) during the next school year:**  *Include yourself even if you do not live at home. Include siblings who receive more than half of their support from your parents.* |  |
| **Total number in family attending college at least half-time during the next school year.** |  |
| **Parents’ marital status:**  *If parents are separated or divorced, please list the financial information of the parent primarily responsible for the cost of education. If parents are sharing the cost, list the information of the parent the student currently lives with.* | ☐ Single  ☐ Separated  ☐ Divorced  ☐ Widowed  ☐ Married |
| **Name of parent/guardian submitting financial information:** |  |
| **Parents’ adjusted gross income:** | $ |
| **Student’s adjusted gross income:**  Please refer to income tax lines referenced above. If you didn’t file a tax form, write how much money you earned in the most recent year. | $ |
| **Total family income:** | $ |

### Application Checklist and Attachments

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| **Please review this list and make sure you have taken care of all required parts, including attachments listed.** | ☐ **Completed application (pages 2-5)**  **☐ 500-word 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.**  ☐ **Signed Nomination Letter specific to the Cardillo Scholarship from an adult telling us about your commitment to your passion. The letter must be current (dated after January 1), contain your first and last name and be signed by the writer, who must identify his/her relationship to you (and cannot be a family member). Email letters are not acceptable.** |

### Certifications

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 parent's and/or my prior year's U.S. Income Tax return.

**Signature of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Signature of Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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

**The Daniel Cardillo Charitable Fund**  
Maine Community Foundation  
245 Main Street  
Ellsworth, ME 04605