# A logo with white text Description automatically generated Erin Elizabeth Sperrey Memorial Scholarship Application

## Guidelines

### History and Purpose

Erin Sperrey was a young woman who was just beginning to set goals for herself when her life was cruelly ended. She planned to return to college and study graphic design and architecture. Her legacy will live on in the scholarship that bears her name.

### Eligibility

Eligible applicants are graduating seniors at Aroostook County high schools who are pursuing a degree in early childhood education (preschool) or Liberal Arts (i.e., majoring in education, art/music, or languages rather than the sciences). Preference is given to students who have successfully completed an alternative high school program. Academic excellence is not a prerequisite but *demonstrated* personal growth and pursuit of a post-secondary education are. Please complete each section of this application completely and thoughtfully.

### Awards

The award money may be used for tuition, room and board, books, and other educational expenses. Award monies used for expenses other than tuition, books and supplies must be reported as taxable income by the recipient. It will be the recipient’s responsibility to report and pay any tax liability. Checks will be made payable to the school for the benefit of the student.

The selection committee may decide to interview applicants. If this is the case, you will be notified.

### Administration

**All applications must be postmarked no later than May 1.** Incomplete applications or those postmarked after this date will not be processed. All information received from applicants will be treated as confidential.

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| **Questions:** | **Submission Deadline:** | **Submission Address:** |
| **Maine Community Foundation** scholarships@mainecf.org | **May 1** | **Erin Elizabeth Sperrey Memorial Scholarship Fund**  c/o Johna Lovely PO Box 1153  Presque Isle, ME 04769 |

### Scholarship-Specific Information

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| **Student is graduating senior at an Aroostook County high school:** | ☐ Yes ☐ No |
| **Please tell us why you have decided to pursue a degree in early childhood education or Liberal Arts. Use a separate sheet if necessary.** |  |
| **How have you prepared yourself for this field of study (what courses have you taken, etc.)? Use a separate sheet if necessary.** |  |
| **Signed Letter of Recommendation** | Please include a signed letter of recommendation from a faculty member at your high school/alternative program relevant to your eligibility for the Erin Elizabeth Sperrey Memorial Scholarship. The letter must be current (dated after September 1), contain your first and last name, and be signed by the writer, who must identify his/her relationship to you (not a family member). |

### Personal Statement

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| **The Erin Elizabeth Sperrey Memorial Scholarship is presented to students who have achieved success despite hardship, adversity or disability. How have you created opportunity in your life? Please be specific. We’d like to know what challenge(s) you overcame and who provided inspiration and guidance to you. How has your experience changed how you think about your future? Please limit to 500 words. Attach as a separate sheet.** |

### Certifications

I certify that I am a legal resident of the State of Maine and 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.

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 Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Signature of Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**  
*(if applicant is under age 18)*

### Application Checklist

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| **Please review this list and make sure you have taken care of all required parts, including attachments listed.** | ☐ **Maine Community Foundation scholarship application** *(attach)*  **☐ Scholarship-specific information** *(complete above)*  **☐ 500-word personal statement** *(attach)*  ☐ **Most recent transcript** *(attach)*  ☐ **Letter of recommendation** *(attach)*  ☐ **Copy of college financial aid offer** *(attach)*  **☐ Financial Information Release Form** *(send directly to school)* |

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**Important Note:** This application must be completed **in addition to** individual requirements for each MaineCF scholarship. For scholarship-specific requirements, please visit: [www.mainecf.org/scholarship-applications](http://www.mainecf.org/scholarship-applications)

### Scholarship Name

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| **Name of MaineCF scholarship:**  *Indicate which scholarship for which you are applying.* |  |

### Applicant Details

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| **Applicant’s full name:** |  |
| **Applicant’s date of birth:** |  |
| **Applicant’s gender:** | ☐ Male ☐ Female ☐ Non-binary ☐ Prefer not to disclose |
| **Full mailing address:** |  |
| **Phone number:** |  |
| **Email address:** |  |

### Academic Details

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| **Current school’s name:** |  | | |
| **Current school’s address:** |  | | |
| **Class size:** |  | **Class rank/standing:** |  |
| **Latest SAT score, math:**  *Optional.* |  | **Latest SAT score, verbal:**  *Optional.* |  |
| **Grade Point Average (GPA):** |  | | |
| **Upcoming year in school:** | ☐ Undergraduate ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 | | |
| **School/program name:** |  | | |
| **Degree anticipated:** | ☐ Certificate ☐ Associate’s degree ☐ BA ☐ BS ☐ Other: | | |
| **Major/field of study:** |  | | |

### Activities

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| **School activities:** *Include name of activity, number of years participated and any special honors or offices for each. Attach additional sheet if necessary.* | *Activity* | *Years* | | *Special honors/offices* | |
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| **Community activities:** *Attach additional sheet if needed.* | *List community activities* | | | | |
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| **Work experience:**  *Include position held, period of employment and hours per week for each. Attach additional sheet if needed.* | *Position* | *Start date* | *End date* | | *Hours/week* |
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### Family Information

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| **Who is responsible for your support?** | ☐ Mother ☐ Father ☐ Both ☐ Myself ☐ Other: | | |
| **Who do you live with?** | ☐ Mother ☐ Father ☐ Both ☐ Myself ☐ Other: | | |
| **Number in household:**  *Include parents.* |  | **Number of family members attending college next academic year:** |  |

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| **Reminder:** In addition to this application, you must complete **all** requirements for the scholarship for which you are applying. Incomplete applications will not be accepted. For scholarship-specific requirements, please visit: [www.mainecf.org/scholarship-applications](http://www.mainecf.org/scholarship-applications) |