

JAMES AND MARILYN ROCKEFELLER SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Application Instructions

For those who, by circumstance or design, are on a “road less traveled” and are seeking traditional or nontraditional educational experiences that will change their life and the lives of people around them.

Application Criteria:

Eligible applicants will:

- Have completed a College Transitions program run through one of the state’s Adult Education programs and be undertaking a post-secondary educational opportunity;
- Be a non-traditional student as defined below;
- Demonstrate a passion for learning, whether in a traditional classroom setting or in a less structured environment;
- Demonstrate uncommon tenacity, focus, hope and humor by sharing a portion of their life story;
- Explain their goal;
- Explain their plan (academic and financial) to achieve the goal;
- Demonstrate a long-term commitment to Maine and involvement in its communities.

Definition of a Non-traditional Student: Students need to meet at least one of the following criteria: be over the age of 25; have delayed enrollment in college after high school for a reason other than a gap year (such as Americorps participation); attend college part-time; work full-time (35 hours/week or more) while being enrolled; have dependents other than a spouse; be financially independent from parents; or did not receive a standard high school diploma (completed with a GED or certificate of completion).

The fund supports post-secondary education in its *broadest* interpretation, which includes enrollment in traditional two- and four-year colleges and universities, but could also apply to certificate programs, professional training opportunities and self-directed learning experiences.

Awards are renewable at the discretion of the committee.

Application instructions: (do not staple, please)

Applications must be postmarked by June 1 and December 1. All information received from applicants will be held in confidence.

Please submit the information requested below printed on one side only (not front and back).

- Completed application form
- Personal statement in essay or business letter format.
- Two letters of recommendation specific to the Rockefeller Scholarship that explain your demonstrated ability to set and achieve a goal, including an example or two. We want to know what sets you apart from other applicants. One letter *must* be from a College Transitions instructor or advisor. The letters must be current (dated after January 1, 2017), 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.
- If you are requesting support for an accredited college or training program:
 - Your most recent official GED, high school or college transcript, or GED certificate of completion. We prefer that you include your transcript with your application.
 - 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 copy of your college financial aid offer (current year acceptable).
- If you are requesting support for a self-directed or nontraditional learning experience:
 - A letter of acceptance from the organization sponsoring the program, *OR*
 - A letter of commitment from the mentor with whom you will be working.

Please visit MaineCF’s website, www.mainecf.org, to explore other scholarship opportunities.

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Application, page 1

Name: _____

Mailing address:

County: _____

Street address or P.O. number _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip code: _____

Phone: _____ Cell: _____ E-mail: _____

Date of birth: ____/____/____ Male () Female () Other () Would prefer not to disclose ()

FAFSA eligibility: I have attached my FAFSA report ()

I am not eligible for the FAFSA () Please explain: _____

College Transitions information:

What College Transitions program did you attend (please list overseeing adult education program or site location)? _____

When were you enrolled in a College Transitions program? _____ to _____

Date of completion: _____

Program Director's name: _____

Phone number: _____ E-mail: _____

Name of high school attended: _____ Town: _____

Dates attended: _____ to _____

Year of graduation (if applicable): _____

Education plan information:

College/Training Program:

Course of study/major for which aid is requested: _____

Upcoming year (circle): Undergraduate 1 2 3 4 Graduate 5 6 7 8

Enrolled: Part-time: _____ Full-time: _____

Street address or P.O. number: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip code: _____

Contact: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Employment History: Please cover the last 5 years of employment, including any current employment.

Employer and Position	Period of Employment	Hours per week
_____	_____ to _____	_____
_____	_____ to _____	_____
_____	_____ to _____	_____
_____	_____ to _____	_____
_____	_____ to _____	_____
_____	_____ to _____	_____

Statement of financial need:

Please use this form to estimate your budget for the next year. Awards are not retroactive.

COLLEGE or TRAINING PROGRAM			
Financial Summary for the <u>CURRENT</u> Year of Study			
Funds Available		Budget (cost of attendance)	
Family Contribution	\$ _____	Tuition and Fees	\$ _____
Personal Savings/Earnings	\$ _____	Room and Board	\$ _____
Scholarships Awarded	\$ _____	Books and Materials	\$ _____
Current-year Loans	\$ _____	Transportation	\$ _____
Other (please explain)	\$ _____	Personal and other Expenses	\$ _____
TOTAL	\$ _____	TOTAL	\$ _____
Outstanding student loans from past study: #____	\$ _____	Unusual Expenses (explain)	\$ _____

How much do you estimate it will take you to complete this education?

1. Tuition and Fees \$ _____
 2. Room and Board \$ _____
 3. Books and Materials \$ _____
 4. Transportation \$ _____
 5. Personal and other Expenses \$ _____
- Total expenses (lines 1-5) \$ _____

*Unless enrolled in a self-directed learning experience, students must be enrolled in a program that is accredited by a national recognized accreditation agency. Please contact Cherie Galyean at cgalyean@mainecf.org if you have any questions concerning your educational opportunity.

***A note from the committee:** We are looking for applicants who have encountered circumstances that required uncommon tenacity, focus, hope and humor, and/or who are choosing to pursue a meaningful life change that requires additional education. These applicants will demonstrate a determination to succeed, are serious about learning and have academic and financial plans to achieve their goal. These plans are essential to reaching your goal.*

Personal Statement: Please share with the Rockefeller Scholarship Advisory Committee how you envision your life will be different if you pursue this course of study. Please address the following questions:

- What is your goal?
- Why are you pursuing this particular goal?
- What is your academic plan to succeed?
- How you will meet the cost of your living expenses and education specifically in the coming year and more generally over the course of your education?
- What is your timeline?
- How have your past experiences prepared you for this step?
- How do you see your current and future role in the community?

Letters of Recommendation: Please submit two letters of recommendation specific to the Rockefeller Scholarship that explain your demonstrated ability to set and achieve a goal, including an example or two. One letter *must* be from a College Transitions instructor or advisor. The letters must be current (dated after January 1, 2017), 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.

Signature

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 June 1 or December 1 will not be processed.

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 returns.

Signature of Applicant: _____

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

James and Marilyn Rockefeller Scholarship Fund
Maine Community Foundation
245 Main Street
Ellsworth, ME 04605

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**Financial Information Release Form for Enrollment at an Accredited College
or Training Program**

FINANCIAL INFORMATION RELEASE FORM

**** PLEASE FILL OUT AND MAIL THIS FORM TO YOUR **
COLLEGE TRAINING PROGRAM 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