



## The River Fund Maine Scholarship

### Description

The River Fund Maine Scholarship is focused on enabling local youth to achieve their educational and career-oriented aspirations. Each year, one local student will be named the River Fund Maine Scholar and receive a scholarship to support the attainment of a BA/BS or equivalent four-year college degree in the student's chosen area. The River Fund Maine especially encourages recipients to envision, and prepare themselves for, careers in entrepreneurial and leadership roles. The objective is to assist talented students in developing an education plan that leads to a fulfilling and rewarding career, not just a job.

The River Fund Maine Scholar will receive up to \$20,000 each year to cover the cost of college tuition and fees, room and board, books, and educational supplies. The scholarship is renewable for up to three additional years and is intended to allow a student to gain a college degree and graduate without crushing debt. The scholarship recipient will also have access to financial counseling, and professional mentoring to help them map a successful path through the college or university experience.

### Eligibility

#### Applicants Shall:

- Demonstrate financial need, and
- Live in the MSAD 44 district or participate in the River Fund Maine Innovation Workshop.
- Be accepted into a four-year college or university
- Scholars must maintain a minimum of a 3.0 GPA until graduation in order to be eligible for annual renewal for up to 3 years; some exceptions may be made with professional judgment.

### How to Apply

#### 1. Fill in the River Fund Maine Scholarship Application on or before March 15, 2022.

- The application form is available on the River Fund Maine website. (<https://www.riverfundmaine.org/programs/>)

#### 2. Include all attachments in order to be considered:

- Complete and updated transcript, including GPA and courses taken
- Two current letters of recommendation including contact information from a teacher, administrator, program leader, coach, or school counselor (can include letters of recommendation that were written for college applications)
- Copy of the Student Aid Report (SAR) reported from FAFSA
- Essay Questions

#### 3. Electronically submit your application and all attachments through The River Fund Maine website.

#### 4. Applicants will be notified on or before April 18, 2022.

\*\*Awards are granted without regard to race, color, creed, religion, sexual orientation, age, gender, disability, or national origin.\*\*