

Northern Wisconsin Outdoor Experiential Education Scholarship Application

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HISTORY

The Northern Wisconsin Outdoor Experiential Education Scholarship was established in 2017 by two members of the Chequamegon Bay area community who were deeply motivated by the powerful and transformative nature of outdoor experiences. After enjoying fulfilling careers deeply engaged in the natural world of Wisconsin's north woods, both were eager to pass on those experiences to future generations. With that goal in mind, the pair created this resource - dedicated to providing financial assistance to local students in order that they may participate in high-quality outdoor education programs.

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Northern Wisconsin Outdoor Experiential Education Fund is to provide financial assistance to students in the Chequamegon Bay communities so that they may participate in high-quality outdoor education programs that provide the opportunity for transformative experiences in an outdoor natural setting. The scholarship is especially interested in supporting:

- individuals for whom it would otherwise be financially difficult to participate in such a program; and
- individuals who are typically underrepresented in outdoor education programs.

INDIVIDUAL ELIGIBILITY

Individuals who fulfill all the characteristics below will be eligible to apply for this scholarship:

- have lived in the Chequamegon Bay communities of Red Cliff, Bayfield, Madeline Island, Washburn, Ashland or Bad River for at least four years.
- have not received an award from this fund within the last five years.
- have been accepted into one of the outdoor programs listed below, or another qualifying program.
- are at least 16 years of age.
- have a financial need.

Applicants of all ability levels are encouraged to apply.

PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY

Programs which emphasize non-motorized travel in the backcountry, engage in environmentally sustainable practices, promote participation by people who are typically underrepresented in outdoor education programs, and promote social responsibility are eligible. Example organizations which would currently be eligible include:

- Breckenridge Outdoor Education Center
- National Outdoor Leadership School
- Environmental Traveling Companions
- Northland College - outdoor related programs
- No Barriers USA
- Wilderness Inquiry
- Outward Bound

Other programs of non-profit, 501(c)(3) organizations that provide opportunity for transformative experiences in an outdoor natural setting may also be eligible.

VALUE & DURATION OF AWARDS

Award will be in the range of \$500 and will not exceed the cost of tuition for any given program.

APPLICATION INFORMATION

Application forms are available online, from area educational institutions and from eligible program offices. Completed application forms and all required documentation should be submitted to the DSACF at the address above or via email to scholarships@dsacommunityfoundation.com. Applications must be submitted by the twice annual deadlines - **April 1st** for summer based programs and **October 1st** for winter based programs.

DETERMINATION OF AWARDS

Decisions will be made by the DSACF Board of Trustees in conjunction with the DSACF Scholarship Committee. Selections will be based on the applicant's:

- financial need
- potential for personal or professional growth as presented in the application essay
- membership in an under-represented population
- ability/willingness to share the experience with others

Those selected will be informed of the committee's decision as soon as is possible after the decision is made.

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Name of Applicant Telephone Date of Application
First MI Last

Home Address City State ZIP

Email Address

Class/Program You Will Take Cost \$ Have you been accepted? Yes No

Institution Offering the Class/Program When does this class start?

Describe how you meet the "must be a resident of a Chequamegon Bay community for at least four years" requirement.

Explain your personal financial situation & how you plan to pay for this experience (use additional sheets if necessary)

How will this program assist you in your personal growth or professional development? (use additional sheets if necessary)

CERTIFICATION

Please complete the following Certification to confirm your application to the Northern Wisconsin Outdoor Experiential Education Scholarship. Checking a box in the left column (& submitting the application) is the equivalent of signing a paper contract.

As an applicant to the No. WI Outdoor Experiential Education Scholarship, I certify that all information above and in separate attachments is correct and true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

I agree that, if awarded a scholarship, I will abide by all requirements and responsibilities associated with the award. As an applicant, I understand that all information will be furnished to the appropriate committees, and shall be confidential.

I authorize that, if selected to receive a scholarship, the Community Foundation may use my name, likeness and any other information (excluding financial information) in any media form and type of publication. I grant to the Community Foundation any and all rights to said use without compensation.

Complete and save the application as a PDF, create an email to scholarships@dsacommunityfoundation.com, attach your saved PDF, and send with any additional documentation. Please direct questions to 218.726.0232.