

**Boothbay Region Student Aid Fund
c/o Guidance Office
Boothbay Region High School
236 Townsend Avenue
Boothbay Harbor, Maine 04538**

Below is the application for a grant from the Student Aid Fund for the 2012-2013 school year.

ELIGIBILITY

Students who are residents of Boothbay Harbor, Boothbay, Southport or Edgecomb and who are graduates of Boothbay Region High School or have attended Boothbay Region High School and have special circumstances approved by a majority of the Awards Committee and by a majority of the Board of Directors, who are continuing their education in any post-secondary college, school, or institution approved by the Awards Committee are eligible to apply for a grant each year they are in school as a matriculated student.

AWARD CRITERIA

Grants are based on two criteria: 1) financial need as determined by your college; and 2) your college's policy for applying outside grants to its financial aid packages. Financial Need is determined by a college based on the information provided on your Student Aid Report (SAR), tax return and financial aid application. Colleges provide a financial aid package based on their resources, which may cover part (leaving "Unmet Need") or all ("Full Funding") of the student's Financial Need.

By law, the college must include all outside aid resources when determining financial aid packages. **The effect of your college's policy on outside aid can be significant.** Each college establishes its own policy, so students attending different colleges may see their award from the Student Aid Fund affected differently. The Student Aid Fund contacts each college each year to verify the college's policy for applying outside aid. In order to facilitate this process, an example of a financial aid information release letter is provided below.

If the college has provided a "Full Funding" Aid package, which can include grant, loan and work study, any award from the Student Aid Fund will result in a change in the original aid package from the college. How the college will alter its aid package will determine whether a grant from the Student Aid Fund will benefit the student.

If the college determines that there is "Unmet Need", the Student Aid Fund can make an award up to the full amount of the Unmet Need before affecting the aid package provided by the college.

Because of the many variables involved--the varying costs of different colleges, the colleges' policies for outside aid, and family circumstances--it is not appropriate to compare one student's award from the Student Aid Fund to another.

THE ROLE OF DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS

The Boothbay Region Student Aid Fund is affiliated with Dollars For Scholars, a national scholarship organization. Some colleges have agreed to match awards from Dollars For Scholars chapters, and others have agreed to not alter grants that have already been promised if additional grants come from the Student Aid Fund. Through these programs the Student Aid Fund is able to make its grants even more beneficial to students.

PAYMENTS

One-half of an award is sent to the college in July, and the second half is sent in the last week of December. If you have questions about your award being sent, please call Ham Meserve @ 207-633-5666.

IMPORTANT DATES!!

Those current High School seniors for whom a grant from the Student Aid Fund will help make a decision about which college to attend should plan on submitting their completed applications by **March 30th** (for early consideration – **INCOMING FRESHMEN ONLY**); **May 2nd**, for all others.

The application must be delivered to the Boothbay Region High School guidance office, 236 Townsend Avenue, Boothbay Harbor, ME 04538. Awards decisions are made by **April 15th** for applications submitted by **March 30th**; and by **May 20th** for applications submitted by **May 2nd**. The guidance office will notify you if you are a senior needing early award information. All other applicants can expect written notification shortly following BRHS graduation.

PLEASE REMEMBER

➔ An application is not complete unless all documentation is provided.

It is your responsibility to insure your application is complete. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Use this checklist below to be sure your application is complete

- completed student aid fund application, including complete address and telephone number;**
- copy of your Student Aid Report (S.A.R.) returned to you from FAFSA;**
- a copy of the financial aid award letter from your college's financial aid office;**
- release of financial aid information (see last page).**

FOR MORE INFORMATION

If you have any questions, or want assistance in applying, please contact the Guidance Secretary, Heather Lorrain, at 633-2421.

**BOOTHBAY REGION STUDENT AID FUND
APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL AID
2012-2013 School Year**

To be complete, this application must include a **current** (or, if that is not available yet, last year's) **awards letter from your college** and your **Student Aid Report (SAR) after completing the FAFSA**. Return, with documentation, to the guidance office at Boothbay Region High School, 236 Townsend Avenue, Boothbay Harbor, ME 04538. All financial information is confidential and reviewed only by the Awards Committee. Incomplete applications will not be considered. **2012 deadlines: Friday, March 30th (for early consideration - INCOMING FRESHMEN ONLY); Tuesday, May 1st for all others.**

Name:							Soc.Sec.#:		
Address:							Phone:		
Town:				State:			Zip:		
Parent(s) name(s)									
I am a resident of (Please use an "X"):	Boothbay		Boothbay Harbor		Southport		Edgecomb		
I plan to attend a (Please use an "X"):	2-year program				4-year program				
I am enrolling (Please use an "X"):	Full-time		Part-time				If part time how many credit hours?		
In Sept. 2012, I will be a (Please use an "X"):	Freshman		Sophomore		Junior		Senior		Graduate
Are you living on campus? (Please use an "X"):	Yes		No						
I plan to major in: (Some of our scholarships are awarded for specific programs of studies.)									
Name of school I will attend:									
Name and address of Financial Aid office:									
Address:							Phone:		
Town:				State:			Zip:		
No. of children at home:			No. of family members in college next year:						
Are you a relative of an American Legion Post #36 member?						If yes, please include name and relation.			
Are you a relative of a veteran from the Boothbay Region?						If yes, please include name and relation.			

My employment history (last three years):

YEAR	EMPLOYER	EARNINGS
2011		
2010		
2009		

If you are a college sophomore (or higher), how much debt have you incurred (in the student's name) for payment of tuition expenses:

List any loans or debt below:

(please include loans related to financing your education ONLY, do not report car loans, mortgages, etc.)

STUDENT		PARENTS	
Type	Amount	Type	Amount

Do you anticipate any additional, unusual expenses? (travel, medical, etc.) If yes, please elaborate:

Are you a relative of a Veteran? YES NO

Do you feel there is any additional information or circumstances the committee should take into consideration when reviewing your application? If "Yes", please elaborate.

The information I have provided on this form is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I agree to let my name be used in conjunction with Named Scholarships. (Yes/ No):

Signature:

Date:

I **do/ do not** (circle one) wish to be acknowledged at BRHS Awards Night or have my name included in the names of award recipients in the Boothbay Register.

RELEASE OF FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION

Date:

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter authorizes:

name of postsecondary institution:

to discuss with the Boothbay Region Student Aid Fund the relevant particulars of the financial aid package offered to:

student name:

for (academic year):

The context of said discussion is to ensure that any scholarship awarded will be incorporated into his/her overall financial aid package without displacing federal or institutional grant funds.

Student Name (print)

Soc. Sec. #

Student Signature
(sign)

Date:

If student is under eighteen years of age, parents or legal guardian must sign as well.

Parent/Guardian
Name (print)

Parent Guardian
Signature (sign)

Date:

TRANSFER INFORMATION FORM

If you should change your college plans after submitting your original student aid application, you are required to supply the Boothbay Region Student Aid Fund with the necessary information for your award to be re-evaluated based on the revised set of figures and changed to your new school. If monies have been sent to your original college, we will not transfer funds until the check is returned from your original college to the Student Aid Fund.

Name of original college:

Total expenses:

Name of new college:

Address and phone #:

Total expenses:

Also, please include an award's letter from your new college. Transfer of funds to a new college can not be completed until all above information is received.

Student Name:

Address:

Phone #:

Signature:

Date:

1. Call the financial aid office at your original college and ask them to return monies to the Boothbay Region Student Aid Fund, PO Box 293, Boothbay Harbor, ME 04538
2. Supply the above information to Boothbay Region Student Aid Fund, PO Box 293, Boothbay Harbor, ME 04538.