

**Camden Rotary Club Foundation
Career Technical Education Scholarship**

Program Information

Overview

As part of an ongoing workforce development initiative, the Camden Rotary Club Foundation assists area residents with the cost of pursuing career technical education.

The Foundation offers scholarships and stipends to traditional and nontraditional students who want to develop or increase their skill sets through education and training.

Funding is made possible by a gift originally given by Edith H. McCobb in memory of her husband, Clayton R. McCobb, a former president of Camden National Bank.

Who is Eligible? (All three requirements must be met.)

- Residents of the Five Town CSD catchment area of Camden, Rockport, Lincolnville, Hope and Appleton.
- High school students, recent graduates, and any other adult who seeks further education and training.
- Those who meet the above requirements and plan to attend an accredited program offered by a non-profit educational institution.

Process

When making decisions, the Foundation's Scholarship Committee will look for financial need, appropriate preparation for the program of study, a solid goal and plan, and a commitment to stay in Maine.

- Awards will be made on a rolling basis and paid after proof of enrollment. Scholarships for tuition will be paid directly to the educational institution, and stipends for approved program expenses (e.g., textbooks, required class supplies), will be paid directly to the student.
- Applications are due at least four weeks before an educational program begins. Decisions will be made within two weeks. Only complete and timely applications will be considered.
- Awards cannot be retroactive and cannot fund programs that begin less than four weeks after you apply.
- Scholarship recipients will be required to provide proof of successful course completion.
- The award is not renewable, but new applications for later coursework are welcome.

The size of the award will depend on individual need and the cost of the program but will not exceed three-quarters (3/4) of the cost of attendance.

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Scholarship Application

1) Contact Information

Name: _____

Mailing address: _____

City/State/Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ Cell: _____

Email: _____

Date of birth: ____/____/____

Male () Female () Other () Would prefer not to disclose ()

Please indicate how you identify yourself (check one):

- American Indian or Alaskan Native
- Arabic
- Asian
- Black or African American
- Hispanic or Latino
- Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander
- White
- Multiracial
- Other: _____
- Prefer not to answer

2) Program Information

Name of School: _____

City, State: _____

Have you been accepted already (circle one)? Yes / No

Name of Training Program: _____

Dates of Program: Begin date: _____ End date (if known): _____

Will you be enrolled (circle one): Part-time / Full-time

3) Past Education

Have you attended college/training programs before (circle one)? Yes / No

If yes, please list prior college(s)/training programs and when attended:

If you graduated from high school, what year: _____

If you didn't graduate from high school, did you complete your GED, HiSET, or alternative diploma (circle one)? Yes / No Year completed: _____

4) Preparation for training program

What have you done to plan for your program? (Examples could be going to a Career Center, talking with someone at Maine Educational Opportunity Center, or visiting Adult Ed., etc.)

5) Work History

Are you currently employed (circle one): Yes / No Hours per week: _____

Current employer: _____ Current position/title: _____

How long have you worked there? _____

Does your employer provide tuition assistance (circle one): Yes / No

If yes, please explain: _____

How many hours per week do you plan to work while in school? _____

6) Finances

Please use this form to estimate how much your training will cost and how you will pay for it.
(Hint: if you have received a financial aid letter, use it to help you estimate.)

Is this program eligible for federal financial aid (circle one)? Yes / No
(If yes, please attach a copy of your FAFSA)

PROGRAM COSTS	
Tuition and Fees (base cost of the training)	
Books and Materials (required equipment, such as tools or uniforms)	
Transportation (estimate cost of gas to attend training)	
Child Care (if necessary to attend training)	
TOTAL COST	

Please describe what funds you have available to pay for this training. (Other scholarships, employer tuition support, personal savings, etc.): _____

Estimated total monthly household income: _____

7) Please tell us more about yourself.

Please share with the Scholarship Committee how your life will be different if you pursue this course of study. You may write/type directly into this document or attach another page.

- What is your goal and why are you pursuing it? _____

- Why have you chosen this program? _____

- What challenges do you see ahead? What is your plan to succeed? _____

- How you will meet the cost of this training program? _____

8) Transcript: Please attach your most recent high school transcript, college transcript, or HiSET/GED scores.

9) Letter of Recommendation: Please request a letter of recommendation from someone who is familiar with your plan and can speak to your ability to complete your program. The recommender should be a professional/academic reference (not a friend or family member). The recommender should mail the letter directly to: Camden Rotary Scholarship Committee, P.O. Box 602, Camden, ME 04843-4342. If you wish to inquire whether your letter of recommendation has been received by the Scholarship Committee, you may send an email inquiry to: camden.rotary.scholarships@gmail.com.

Application Checklist

Please go through this list and make sure you have taken care of all of the required parts.

1. **Application:** You filled out every section of this application.
2. **Transcript:** You attached your most recent high school transcript, college transcript, or HiSET/GED scores.
3. **Letter of Recommendation:** You requested a letter of recommendation from someone who knows your professional and/or academic background.

Signature

It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that all the required items are submitted on or before the application deadline. Incomplete applications will not be processed. Those postmarked after the 1st of each month will be deferred until the next month.

I certify that all information on this form is true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Signature of Applicant:

Today's Date:

All applications and required information sent separately must be postmarked no later than four weeks before your program begins.

Please mail application to:

Camden Rotary Scholarship Committee

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