

Dear Educators and Education Administrators,

The Clark Foundation Outward Bound Scholarship For Educators is awarded to eligible applicants employed by one of our scholarship schools who wish to enrich their school/ community by way of their Outward Bound experience. It is hoped that participation in this extraordinary opportunity will help re-ignite and nurture those qualities necessary to help others achieve *their* goals.

For specific course information, refer to Outward Bound Wilderness' website: www.outwardbound.org. You are free to select any course offered by Outward Bound that is offered in the United States. You need not feel obligated to consider only short (less expensive) courses: but, keep in mind that we are trying to award as many scholarships as possible and the number of scholarships available, are limited.

If interested, please complete the attached application and return it to Clark Sports Center (address below). Also please include as detailed summary (as possible) of anticipated expenses including tuition, application fee, Outward Bound travel charges specific to your course, lodging, and airfare. Incidental costs (food, clothing, etc.) will be your responsibility, and will not be reimbursed. Please remember to keep accurate records of all covered expenditures.

If you receive, and accept, a scholarship you will need to pay the initial application fee (deposit) to Outward Bound. This will ensure your spot on your course. Also, please pay their optional \$75.00 cancellation insurance fee. *All of these monies will be reimbursed upon completion of your course.* The Clark Foundation will pay the balance of your course tuition cost directly to Outward Bound, according to their payment schedule.

Please remember to mention to your Outward Bound course contact person, that you are receiving a scholarship from The Clark Foundation/Clark Sports Center.

You will need to make arrangements for, and pay, your own transportation/lodging, which will be reimbursed after your course is completed. The Clark Foundation will not reimburse any monies forfeited to travel agent, airline cancellation, or Outward Bound cancellation fees.

If you have questions or concerns please feel free to contact me at your convenience at Clark Sports Center 607.547.2800 ext. 123, or (best) email me at ob@clarksportscenter.com.

Good luck, and best wishes for a new and rewarding adventure!

Jerry Townsend
Outward Bound Coordinator
Clark Sports Center
Cooperstown, NY 13326

The Clark Foundation
Outward Bound Scholarship Program
Educator Application

Please return the completed application to your school's Outward Bound Coordinator, or return it to Jerry Townsend, Clark Sports Center, PO Box 850, Cooperstown, NY 13326.

Name _____

School and number of years employed _____

Home Address _____

Village _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Home phone _____ E-mail _____

Please include the following information:

1. Outward Bound course number and dates
2. Where your course will take place
3. Course tuition
4. Approximate travel/lodging expenses
5. Total dollar amount of your request

Outward Bound's philosophy is based on a well-known quote from founder, Kurt Hahn—*"The aim of education is to impel people into value-forming experiences and to ensure the survival of these values: an enterprising curiosity, tenacity in pursuit, an undefeatable spirit, a capacity for sensible self-denial and above all, compassion."* The Clark Foundation has long maintained a commitment to encourage these ideals. Please outline your plan to bring the Outward Bound experience back to your classroom and community, touching on the following questions.

1. As one working in a learning community, how do you think Outward Bound might help you grow, as an individual?
2. How might your school community benefit as a result of your participation in Outward Bound?
3. All Outward Bound courses require a certain amount of physical and emotional hardship. How committed are you to prepare for, and complete, a rigorous outdoor expedition?
4. How might you introduce elements of Outward Bound's Expeditionary Learning into your classroom? Information may be obtained at www.elob.org/.
5. In the year following each scholarship experience, recipients' are asked to organize and perform at least one community service project in their region. What ideas do you have for designing meaningful service, and helping involve middle/ high school students?