

**The Clark Sports Center
High School Outward Bound Scholarship Application**

Applicants must be in grades 9, 10, or 11 and be enrolled at one of our scholarship schools. Although all Outward Bound courses are strenuous, you need NOT be an athlete to have a successful experience. Grades you earn in school are NOT a deciding factor. We ARE looking for energetic students who can commit to the challenges offered by Outward Bound, and who are willing to risk three weeks of summer in a wilderness setting to learn more about themselves, their Outward Bound companions and their environment.

There are many people who can answer your questions about Outward Bound: seek out those who went on a course in the past, talk to your school coordinator, call us at Clark Sports Center (607) 547-2800 extension 123, or email Jerry Townsend ob@clarksportscenter.com.

Your parent/guardian must sign the bottom of your application (space provided) which signifies they have read the attached parent letter and understand that you are applying for this scholarship. We will not consider your application without it!

From the questions listed on the next page, please respond to **four**. These are challenging questions—there are no easy answers, and there is no single right answer. Our best advice is to provide thoughtful, thorough and creative responses: one's that will give us a clear picture of **who** you are. It is the quality of your ideas and the depth of your commitment that is most important!

Attach your answers to this page. You must return the application to your school coordinator by the deadline date set by your school.

Name _____ School _____

Street address _____ Current Grade _____ Gender (Male/Female)

Village _____ Zip code _____

Home Phone (with area code) _____

✓ email address _____

✓ This is important, as it will become the best and easiest way for us to communicate with you, should you become nominated for a scholarship. If you have no home-access to a computer, ask your school coordinator about helping establish use of a computer at your school.

Parent/Guardian: please sign below, signifying you have read the attached letter:

Parent signature _____

Questions (choose and answer any four)

Please type or print legibly

1. Participants in Outward Bound will experience and learn different leadership skills. What do you consider the single most important quality of a leader? Why?
2. Someone once said, "Life is a difficult teacher because you first have the test, then the lesson." Why do you agree, or disagree, with this statement?
3. From what you have learned about Outward Bound, what part of the course might be most difficult for you?
4. Not everyone applies for an Outward Bound Scholarship. What makes you willing?
5. Outward Bound is not a "survival" school. Some say it is an opportunity to learn about "living". In your opinion, what is the difference?
6. Kurt Hahn, the founder of Outward Bound, stressed compassion as the single most important quality we must learn. What does compassion mean to you?
7. If you were chosen as leader of your Outward Bound group for one day, how do you think people would respond to your leadership style?
8. What is there about you that will have a positive influence on your Outward Bound group? Why do you think it might be important?

Letter to Parent/Guardian

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Your son or daughter has elected to apply for a scholarship to participate in The Clark Sports Center's Outward Bound Scholarship Program for high school students (Course dates for 2010:). The scholarship includes transportation to and from the course site in Maine, and all Outward Bound expenses. If accepted, students are making a commitment to fulfill their responsibilities inherent in receiving this scholarship.

These responsibilities include: attending an information session , completing a 22 day Outward Bound course (in Maine), and participating in at least one service project organized for our local Outward Bound students. They may also choose to participate in other activities organized by Clark Sports Center throughout the year. If these responsibilities cannot be met, students are discouraged from applying, as there are limited positions available.

We are asking parents to be involved in the application process by talking with your student about Outward Bound and supporting their commitment to undertake this wonderful opportunity. Parents should also note, that they will be responsible for arranging and paying the cost of any early course termination due to sickness, injury or student motivation. Please sign the front of their application (space provided) so we will know you have read this letter and are aware of their intentions.

If you have questions as to the nature of Outward Bound, please call Clark Sports Center, 607.547.2800, ext. 123, or contact me by email, ob@clarksportscenter.com. You can also learn more about Outward Bound by visiting their website: www.outwardbound.org or www.clarksportscenter.com click on Adventure Programs.

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