



High School Outward Bound Scholarship Application



Application Due Date: _____

TWO WEEKS AFTER SCHOOL VISIT!

Course Date: Summer 2026 July 11-25

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 commit to 15 days of summer in a wilderness setting to learn more about themselves, their Outward-Bound companions, the environment and leadership skills.

There are many people who can answer your questions about Outward Bound: seek out those who have been on a course in the past, talk to your school coordinator, or give us a call at the Clark Sports Center Adventure Department (607) 547-2800 extension 124.

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

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

Student Contact Information:

Name _____ School _____

Mailing address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Current Grade Level _____

Phone (with area code) _____

Non-School Email address _____

Parent/Guardian Contact Information:

Name _____ Relationship _____

Mailing address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone (with area code) _____

Email address _____

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

Parent signature _____

Questions: From the questions listed below, please **respond to four**. These are challenging questions and there are no easy answers, or single right answer. Our best advice is to provide thoughtful, thorough and creative responses: ones 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! **Please type and print out your responses including the questions you are responding to.**

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. Famous football coach Vince Lombardi once said, “Most people fail not because of a lack of desire but because of a lack of commitment.” How does this present in your life?
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 July 11-25th. 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 and interview, completing a 15-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/guardians 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/guardians should also note they will be responsible for arranging and paying the cost of **any early course termination** due to sickness, injury or lack of student motivation. Please sign the front of their application (space provided) so we will know you have read this letter and are aware of your student’s intentions.

If you have questions as to the nature of the Outward-Bound program, please call Clark Sports Center Adventure Department, 607.547.2800, ext. 126, or by email to CSCAdventure@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).