



Boothbay Region Student Aid Fund



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ANNUAL REPORT

BRSFAF MISSION

The mission of the Boothbay Region Student Aid Fund is to provide need-based financial assistance to Boothbay Region High School graduates seeking education beyond the secondary level.



"The assistance I received from the BRSFAF gave me the financial freedom to pursue a legal education at Harvard Law School and take advantage of public service opportunities. I am forever grateful for the support and generosity of the BRSFAF."

-H.W.



"I can't thank the Boothbay Region Student Aid Fund enough for the support they've given me ... This help has taken a huge weight off my shoulders and allowed me to focus on my classes and training. Knowing that my community believes in me and is invested in my future really motivates me to keep pushing toward my goal. I'm truly grateful."

-D.H.

The image shows a young man and a young woman standing in front of a brick wall. Behind them is a large, circular seal of the University of Maine. The seal features a moose in the center, with the text "UNIVERSITY OF MAINE" around the top and "1865" and "1993" on the sides. The man is wearing a grey suit jacket, a white shirt, and a red tie. The woman is wearing a red top. They are both smiling.

MORE EDUCATION means MORE OPPORTUNITIES for our graduates.

In 1964 a group of community members motivated to help young people who aspired to furthering their education after graduation from Boothbay Region High School (BRHS) came together to form the Boothbay Region Student Aid Fund (BRSAP) organization, a non-profit 501c3.

BRSAP — led by an all-volunteer board — provides grants to BRHS graduates to attend trade and technical schools, colleges, and professional or graduate programs, including those returning to education later in life or reentering from the workforce.

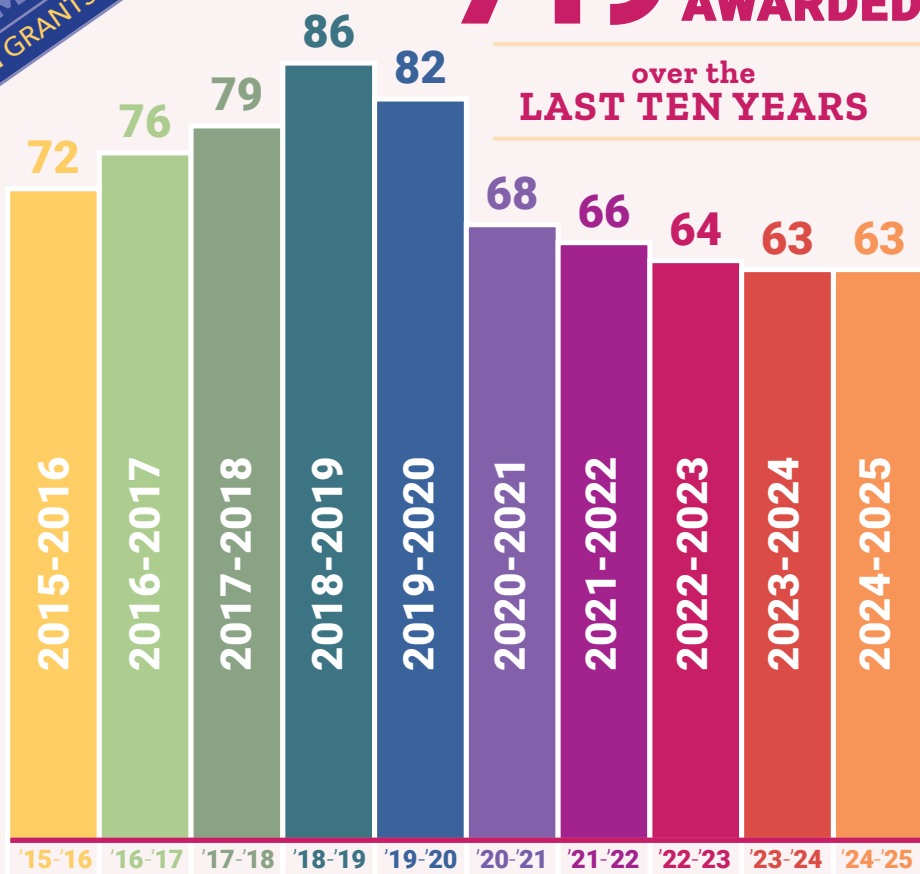
Individuals may apply for a grant at any age as long as they meet the eligibility requirements. Financial assistance is available to qualifying BRHS graduates for up to six academic years, including up to three years at the graduate level.

BRSAP has been able to cover a significant portion of educational expenses thanks to the continued generosity and steadfast support of individuals, community organizations, and businesses.

Contributions to the annual campaign, capital gifts establishing named funds, and the growth of BRSAP's invested funds have been critical in facilitating the education and training of so many.

719 GRANTS AWARDED

over the
LAST TEN YEARS



FULFILLING OUR MISSION

*of Providing Need-Based Financial Assistance to BRHS Graduates
Attending Post-Secondary Educational Institutions*



"My passion for medicine and patient care has inspired me to go back to school to obtain a nursing degree, and yet again this education is made possible through the generosity of your organization. Thank you!"

-A.B.



POST-SECONDARY INSTITUTIONS

Attended by Recent
BRSFAF Grant Recipients

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Bowdoin College
Colgate University
Emmanuel College
Endicott College
Harvard College
Harvard Law School
Indiana Tech
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University of Rhode Island
University of Southern Maine
Word of Life Bible Institute



"The Boothbay Region Student Aid Fund has lifted a huge weight from my shoulders. For nearly a decade after graduating high school, I had been working and putting school on hold. Coming back as a non-traditional student brings new challenges — especially balancing the cost of living, tuition, and the demands of being a full-time student. BRSFAF has eased the financial stress, particularly during the slower months in our town for those of us in the service industry. Most of all, it's incredible to feel the support of the community. Not everyone has that, and without it many in my position would be forced to choose between work and further education and for that, I'm truly grateful."

-B.D.

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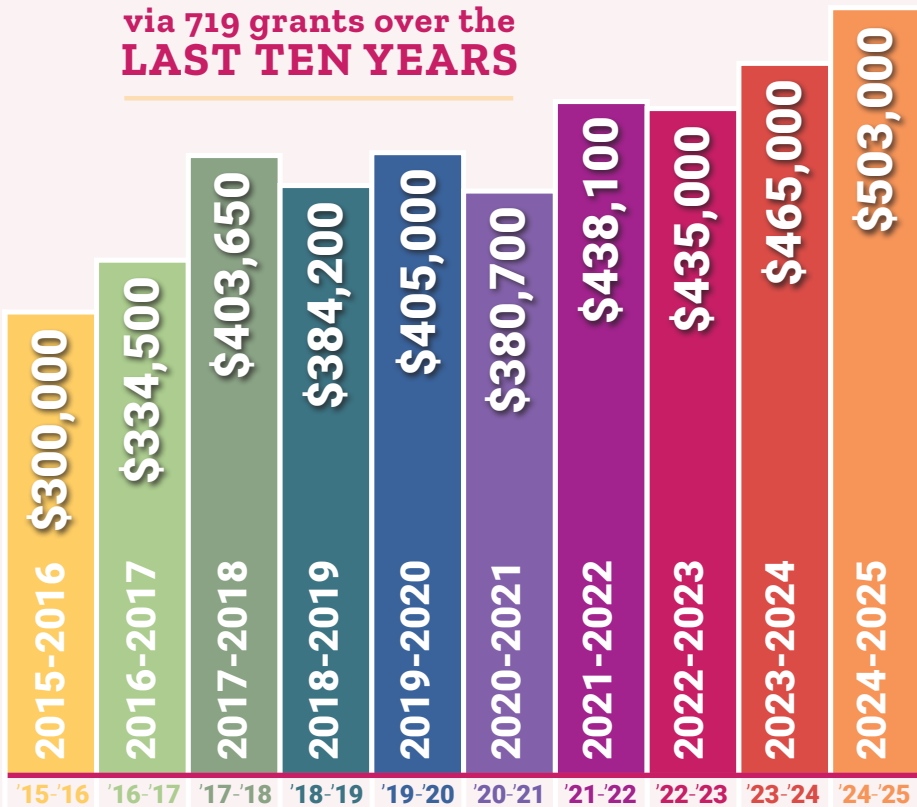
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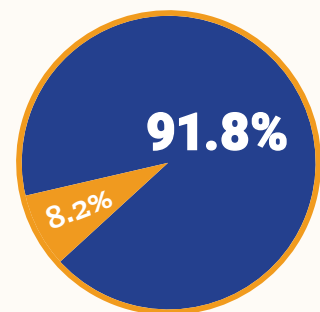
"First, I would like to thank the Student Aid Fund and the community that supports this cause, which has enabled me to continue my education at Sewanee: The University of the South, pursuing a degree in Natural Resources and the Environment and minoring in Business. I'm fortunate that my university offers study abroad programs priced to match my regular tuition, so I was able to study in Florence for the Spring semester. The fund enabled me to study environmental issues from another country's perspective, which has greatly impacted my plans for the future." -D.H.

\$4,049,150 DISBURSED

via 719 grants over the
LAST TEN YEARS



HOW WE MANAGE OUR FUNDS



8.2%
Administrative
Costs & Other Expenses

91.8%
Grants
Awarded

Last Five Year
Annual Average
Return is 11.5%

"My college experience at Northwestern was nothing short of incredible. I was so fortunate to be able to attend such a wonderful institution with help from BRSAP! I am currently working at Boston Children's Hospital Trust as a Development Assistant for the Technology and Gifts Services teams. I am loving Boston and very excited to see what the future holds." -I.H.



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"There are few gifts that can be given that are better than that of an education and that is why we support the BRSAF. A person who wants to learn should not be denied the opportunity because of a financial roadblock. BRSAF grants allow students to access post-secondary education by reducing their unmet need. We fully support the BRSAF in its efforts to help all graduates of BRHS reach their educational goals."

-P.C. & L.C.

A word from our **PARENTS**

"This organization is an incredible and very impactful resource to the students and families of Boothbay Region High School. I encourage EVERY student to apply and take advantage of this tremendous asset. Apply, talk to them, ask questions. University, trade school, all — talk to them! We are grateful for the work that BRSAF does and the impact provided is immeasurable, thank you!"

-A.A.

"As a former BRHS teacher and current college parent I can confidently say that BRSAF is our community's greatest student asset. As a parent and step-parent to four BRHS graduates, I am blown away each year at the generosity and thoughtfulness that goes into each grant. As an educator, I encourage all students to apply no matter their plans. Post secondary education looks different for everyone — trades, certifications, college and even grad school — apply!"

-L.G.

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"Because of the Boothbay Region Student Aid Fund, I am able to continue my studies at Word of Life Bible Institute in Pottersville, NY for a second year. I am truly grateful for your support."

-A.F.



"The BRSAF has played a huge role in my college journey! Without your help I would be constantly worrying about my financials and getting buried in debt. Your support has helped with tuition, books, and other materials needed for my classes. BRSAF has made a huge difference in my life! Thank you so much!"

-H.R.



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