PIE’s Scholarships for Travel & Education: 2019 Recipients

2019 Travel & Education Scholarship recipient Hannah Newton to attend the National Youth Leadership Forum: Medicine, at Tufts University in Boston, Massachusetts

2019 Travel & Education Scholarship recipient Anastasia Simpson to attend Summer Camp at Maine School of Science and Mathematics in Limestone, Maine

2019 Travel & Education Scholarship recipient Callie Warren to attend Summer Camp at Maine School of Science and Mathematics in Limestone, Maine

2019 EIL Partnership Scholarship recipient Madison Young to attend The Experiment in International Living’s summer program, Mongolia | Nomadic Cultures & Outdoor Adventure

Past Scholarship Recipients Reflect on their Experiences

Coming from an island off the coast of Maine with a year-round population of around 1,200, being in a city was a [new] experience for me. Through hours of exploring with my new friends, I overcame my “fear” and developed the skills I needed to navigate and get us where we needed to go.

My trip to Costa Rica with others from across the U.S., gave me a chance to participate in new activities, meet new people, try to speak a new language, eat new foods, and really immerse myself in the Costa Rican culture.

[At the] Congress of Future Science and Technology Leaders, each speaker had their own way of relaying their personal success story, yet the central message emphasized by all was, “never give up!” My experience at the Congress helped me rethink my future and taught me that the key to success is to work hard, never give up, and do what you love.

Living in a third world country made me appreciate the life I have back home. I experienced a whole different life I never really knew existed. I have a better understanding of the world and what’s outside of my tiny little island.

2019 Update

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• Travel & Education Scholarship
• EIL Partnership Scholarship

PIE’s Scholarship Committee

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The PIE Scholarship Committee designs the structure of each of PIE’s Scholarship programs. Members are involved in the evaluation process for applicants to the Travel & Education Scholarship and the EIL Partnership Scholarship.

For more information about these and other PIE Scholarships, please visit: www.PartnersInIslandEducation.org

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What is PIE’s Travel & Education Scholarship

Established in 2012 through a generous donation by a summer family, PIE’s Travel & Education Scholarships are awarded annually to current students who seek to attend travel programs and/or educational programs in the U.S. or abroad. Each Travel & Education Scholarship is a one-time award of varying amounts up to $2,500, and is awarded to multiple students each year. PIE’s Scholarship Committee evaluates applicants for the Travel & Education Scholarship using a scoring rubric to fairly and consistently evaluate each applicant.

Application Criteria
- Educational benefit of program/travel plan
- Quality/appropriateness of program/travel plan
- Student’s transcript and academic record
- School and community activities
- Recommendations
- Student’s resume
- Financial need

Scholarship Deadlines and Decisions

Travel & Education Programs for Spring/Summer/Fall
Application deadline: December 1
Scholarship decision: by December 15

Travel & Education Programs for Summer/Fall/Winter
Application deadline: May 1
Scholarship decision: by May 15

What is PIE’s EIL Partnership Scholarship

Beginning in 2017, one Vinalhaven high school student each year who has already been accepted into The Experiment in International Living’s High School Summer Abroad Program will be awarded an EIL Partnership Scholarship of $5,000 ($2,500 of which is contributed by PIE, and $2,500 by The Experiment).

The Experiment in International Living’s High School Summer Abroad Program
This program offers students the opportunity to engage in foreign exchange for 3–5 weeks in Africa, the Americas, Asia, Europe, or the Pacific, while learning the language and traditions of their host country. During their time abroad students gain a deeper understanding of a chosen subject, including the arts, community service, cooking, ecology, language study, photography, and theater, while actively participating in hands-on learning every step of the way. These experiences provide uniquely enriching, once-in-a-lifetime educational opportunities for all participants.

Application Process
Candidates for the EIL Partnership Scholarship begin the process by applying to The Experiment in International Living’s High School Summer Abroad Program. Applications are available at: www.experiment.org.

One Vinalhaven student who has been accepted by The Experiment’s High School Summer Abroad Program will be awarded the EIL Partnership Scholarship, based on consideration of the student’s:
- Transcript and academic record
- School and community activities
- Recommendations
- Resume

PIE’s Scholarships for Travel & Education: Past Recipients

- **Travel & Education Scholarship**
  2017/18 Ben Burgess
  Maine College of Art’s Pre-College program
  2017/18 Jackson Day
  Envision Intensive Law & Trial program
  2017/18 Timothy Farrelly
  Putney Student Travel’s Nepal Community Service
  2017/18 Trey Goodrich
  Pine Tree Basketball Camp, Colby College
  2016/17 Polina Walsh
  Future Leader Camp, Colby College
  2016/17 Rosanna Morel
  Experiment in International Living: Spain Regional Cultures
  2016/17 Gilleyanne Davis-Oakes
  Bold Earth: Costa Rica Active Program
  2016/17 Jordan Radley
  Congress for Future Science & Technology Leaders
  2015/16 Andrea Shane
  International Volunteer Headquarters
  2015/16 Emily Baird
  Worldwide Opportunities on Organic Farms
  2014/15 Ashley Davis-Oakes
  Downeast School of Massage
  2014/15 Keaton Lear
  People to People Ambassador Program
  2014/15 Hannah Noyes
  The Traveling School
  2014/15 Dreyenn Osgood
  Maine Summer Youth Music
  2014/15 Lily Warren
  Maine Summer Youth Music
  2013/14 Trevor Farrelly
  Envision: Engineering & Technology
  2013/14 MaKenzie Young
  National Youth Leadership Forum
  2013/14 Zoey Warren
  People to People Ambassador Program
  2012/13 Abby Harris
  People to People Ambassador Program
  2012/13 Alex Day
  Ocean Classroom HS Semester at Sea Program

- **EIL Partnership Scholarship**
  2017 Keaton Lear
  Spain: Language & Cultural Traditions