

PIE Scholarships for Travel & Education, 2023 Recipients



Caylee Brooker
High School Travel & Education Scholarship Recipient

Caylee will attend *Creative Writing in the Land of Lochs & Legends* in Edinburgh, Scotland, a summer study-abroad program with the Council on International Educational Exchange (CIEE).



Chad Lazaro
High School Travel & Education Scholarship Recipient

Chad will spend 3 weeks in Tallinn, Estonia attending *Diplomacy & Peace Studies*, a summer study-abroad program with the Council on International Educational Exchange (CIEE).

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

PIE Scholarship Recipients Reflect on Their Experiences

Coming from an island [in] 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.

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.

I am glad I had the opportunity to participate in Whale Camp. The experience made me more prepared and excited for when I go to college this fall. I was in a learning environment with people I've never met and I got used to being away from home, even if just for a week.

My advice for someone going [away to camp] would be to give it a chance. It will be hard at first, but then it will be fun and worth it.

[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.

I met people with similar interests to mine who were eager to learn. The camp presented new challenges and opportunities to try new things. I also learned important intellectual and social skills that will aid me on Vinalhaven.

Maine Teen Summer Camp was the best thing I have done all year. I had an amazing time and made lots of friends that I still talk to. I learned how to play guitar and learned new songs on my ukulele, which are now my favorite songs to listen to and play. I also went a full two weeks without my phone and didn't miss it one bit. I wasn't homesick either and I got to meet people from all over the world!

I learned some valuable lessons [at music camp]. I learned that it is important to try new things and not exile myself when I am feeling uncomfortable. I got to experience a lot of new things because of PIE.



2024 Update PIE Scholarships for Travel & Education



- Travel & Education Scholarship
- EIL Partnership Scholarship

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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 \$3,000, 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 15

Scholarship decision: by December 30

Travel & Education Programs for Summer/Fall/Winter

Application deadline: May 1

Scholarship decision: by May 15

• EIL Partnership Scholarship - on hiatus since 2020

2019	Madison Young Mongolia Nomadic Cultures & Outdoor Adventures
2017	Keaton Lear Spain: Language & Cultural Traditions

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

Past Scholarship Recipients

2022/23	Finn Crossman-King Hurricane Island Marine Ecology Program
2022/23	Brielle Davis-Oakes Camp Center Stage
2021/22	Brandon Philip Maine Academy of Modern Music
2021/22	Natalie Philip Theater at Camp Mechuwana
2021/22	Becca Osgood Maine Teen Camp
2020/21	Dreyenn Osgood The Whale Camp, Fundy Marine Science Institute
2020/21	Ingrid Stockman The Whale Camp, Fundy Marine Science Institute
2020/21	Brandon Philip Hurricane Island Summer Program
2018/19	Callie Warren Maine School of Science and Mathematics
2018/19	Anastacia Simpson Maine School of Science and Mathematics
2018/19	Hannah Newton National Youth Leadership Forum: Medicine
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, Norwich University
2016/17	Rosanna Morel Experiment in International Living
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