

The Quailwood Fund

an endowment of the Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation

Application and Guidelines for Adult Students

Vision and History of the Fund

Jonathan Schor (1946-2004), a resident of Red Rock for thirty years, established the Quailwood Fund before he died to create an endowment to generate annual grants “to provide community support in the Red Rock, Columbia County, New York area for public services and improvement of the quality of life, for conservation work, public recreation facilities, fire and rescue facilities and educational scholarships.”

According to Jon’s wishes, the Quailwood Fund has an advisory board that consists of the presidents of the Red Rock Volunteer Fire Company, the Red Rock Historical Society, the Canaan Conservation Club, Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation and the executive director of the Columbia Land Conservancy.

The Quailwood Fund and its Advisory Board looks to the long term needs of the Red Rock community. It remains open to new ideas and possibilities to improve and enrich the quality of life for the residents of Red Rock.

Through its grantmaking programs, the Quailwood Fund works to help retain a strong sense of community in Red Rock by bolstering community gatherings, encouraging a diversity of participation in the life of the community and supporting a wide range of social and economic opportunities for residents.

There are four Grant Programs to support the vision of the Quailwood Fund:

- **The Quailwood Scholarship Fund for Students** is for Red Rock residents who are graduating high school seniors.
- **The Quailwood Scholarship Fund for Adult Students** is for adult Red Rock residents who wish to attain a college, graduate or professional degree.
- **The Quailwood General Fund** supports nonprofit organizations or public entities that provide programs/projects that benefit the residents of and that take place in the Red Rock area.
- **The Red Rock Emergency Relief Fund** provides one-time assistance for residents who find themselves in dire straits.

Additional information and application forms are available through Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation online at www.berkshiretaconic.org or by calling 413.528.8039.

Berkshire Taconic is proud to serve as steward for the Quailwood Fund and is committed to upholding the highest standard of quality and integrity in administering and reviewing applications submitted for these programs. All staff and committee members adhere to strict confidentiality and conflict of interest policies.

Quailwood Geographic Service Area

The Quailwood Fund serves the community of Red Rock, NY. For the purposes of the Quailwood Fund, Red Rock is defined as roughly the current boundaries of the Red Rock Fire District in the towns of Austerlitz, Canaan and Chatham, New York described as follows:

1. Columbia County Route 9 south from the intersection of Columbia County Route 24 to the Austerlitz town line. Columbia County Route 9 north from the intersection of Columbia County Route 24 for a distance of 0.6 miles.
2. Clark Road west from the intersection of Columbia County Route 9 to the intersection of Raup Road.
3. The entire lengths of Columbia County Route 24, Schoolhouse Road, Lee O’Knobit Road, Overlook Road, Lamoree Road, Mercer Mountain Road, Heather Lane, Walden Road, Ridge Road, Doe Run, Schor View Drive, Pierson Road, Cody Lane, Oak Lane, The Narrows Road, Madison Avenue and Pine Lane.

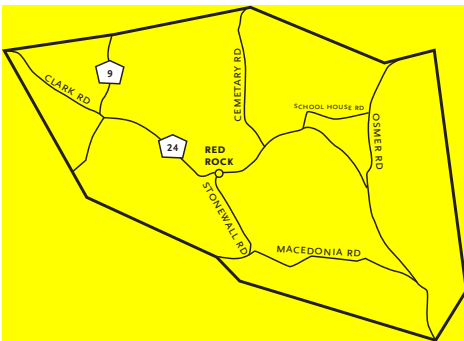
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4. Cemetery Road north from the intersection of Columbia County Route 24 to the intersection of Schor View Drive.
5. Stonewall Road south from the intersection of Columbia County Route 24 for a distance of 1.3 miles.
6. Macedonia Road from the intersection of Columbia County Route 5 to a point 0.2 miles east of the most easterly intersection of Stonewall Road.
7. Columbia County Route 5 north from the southern end of Barrett (Fog Hill) Pond to the intersection of Mercer Mountain Road.
8. Fog Hill Road west from the intersection of Columbia County Route 5 for a distance of 0.3 miles.

Straight lines drawn (as shown on the below map) connecting the end points of the highway descriptions listed above shall establish “Red Rock” for the purposes of this grant with the addition of the property owned by the Canaan Conservation Club on Frisbee Street in the Town of Canaan. If a question should arise concerning any location which may lie within Red Rock, as described above, a tax bill indicating a tax for the “Red Rock Fire Protection District” shall be considered proof of that property being within Red Rock.



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Quailwood Scholarship Fund for Adult Students

Application Guidelines

The scholarship is intended to allow an adult (18 years or older) to attend a school of higher education either for the first time or to return to school to complete a degree either at a college, graduate school or an accredited professional training program.

The Quailwood Scholarship may be awarded as a loan (repayable through volunteer service in any community the scholarship recipient chooses) or directly to the college as a grant – whichever is more helpful to the family and the applicant.

Eligibility

First Time Applicants Must:

- Have been a full time resident within Red Rock* during most of the last two years of high school. An exception may be made for boarding school students whose family residence is in Red Rock.
- Be accepted at a college or professional program.

Renewing Applicants Must:

- Be enrolled in a higher education program and have received a Quailwood Scholarship in the past.

Awards

Awards generally range between \$1,000 and \$5,000.

Deadline

Completed applications must be received at Berkshire Taconic **by 5:00pm, May 1st**.

* The area defined as “The Red Rock Fire District in the towns of Austerlitz, Canaan and Chatham.” A detailed description of the boundaries is provided on page 2 of this document.

To Apply

Complete the attached form and send it to Berkshire Taconic along with:

1. A certified copy of a transcript from your high school or college or a certificate from your previously completed academic program (i.e., GED).
2. A resume or a list of your professional accomplishments.
3. Three letters of recommendation from a counselor, a community leader or an employer.
4. A typed or printed statement of up to two pages to give the committee a brief autobiographical sketch. Include pertinent highlights of your educational and career goals, special interests, ambition, activities or community service. Let us know if there are any obstacles you have overcome in your life, or other experiences that demonstrate your effort and ambition to achieve your academic and life goals. (Renewing students’ statements should update the committee on activities over the last year, describing your academic experiences and other experiences that demonstrate your effort and ambition to achieve your academic and life goals.)
5. A copy of your Student Aid Report (SAR) which you will receive from the federal government when you complete your FAFSA. Your SAR must include your Expected Family Contribution (EFC). The EFC number will be shared with the committee to indicate level of financial need. You may add a letter to be shared with the committee if you feel that the EFC number does not accurately reflect your financial need.
6. Three letters of recommendation from a recent teacher, counselor, and community leader or employer.
7. Note: if you are claiming independent, adult status (24 or older) please complete the “Financial Aid Data for Adult Applicants” included in this document.

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Notification

Applicants will be informed of the foundation's decision within two months of the deadline date.

Review Process

Applications will be reviewed by a Scholarship Advisory Committee. This is a committee of Columbia County residents who are active in community and academic affairs that gives multi-year awards to graduates of Chatham and New Lebanon high schools. Their recommendations will be reviewed by Berkshire Taconic's Board of Directors.

Review Criteria

The committee will review applications and materials submitted and make their decisions according to the following criteria:

The Student's:

- Academic achievement and potential.
- Efforts and ambitions to achieve his/her academic and life goals.
- Financial need.
- Significance of the scholarship award to the student.

Questions

Please contact Maeve O'Dea, Program Director, at 413.528.8039 or email maeve@berkshiretaconic.org

About Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation

Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation is the community foundation for Columbia County and the proud steward of the Quailwood Fund. Berkshire Taconic is a nonprofit tax exempt charitable institution founded in 1987 to enhance the quality of life in Columbia County, NY; northeast Dutchess County, NY; Berkshire County, MA; and northwest Litchfield County, CT. The Foundation establishes charitable funds, provides community leadership, distributes grants, assists donors and prudently manages the Foundation's resources.

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Please complete this form and return it to Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation high school by **5:00 p.m. May 1st**.

Incomplete applications will not be considered. This form and all attachments must be sent together.

Applicant's Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Address in Red Rock Where You Have Resided Full Time for the Previous Two Years:

High School You Attend(ed): _____

MM/YY Graduation: _____

Name of College or University you will be Attending for the Upcoming School Year (Sept –June):

Will You be a Full-Time Student? : Yes; No

Expected Date of Graduation: _____

If Part-time Explain: _____

Intended/Declared Major: _____

Estimated Annual Cost for Tuition, Books, Transportation, Room & Board. \$ _____

Estimated Other Scholarship Awards (Not Loans) You Anticipate Receiving. \$ _____

What Can You and Your Family Provide Toward the Remaining Cost. \$ _____

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List Previous Academic Degrees Earned and Date of Completion:

Degree	School	Date of Completion
_____	_____	____/____/____
_____	_____	____/____/____
_____	_____	____/____/____

List Academic or Community Honors, Awards or Acknowledgements:

List Any Current Volunteer Community Activities:

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Note: Financial Data for Adult Applicants (Held in Confidence):

Income, Expenses and Asset Data for Calendar Year:

To claim independent, adult status you must be 24 or older. If you are not yet 24, you must be able to demonstrate that you meet one or more of the following conditions: (1) served in the military or (2) are a ward of the court or (3) have not been claimed by your parents for two consecutive years and have earned at least \$4,000 in each of those two years or (4) are married or have dependent children.

1. Adjusted Gross Income (Including Alimony): \$ _____
2. Total U.S. Income Tax Paid: \$ _____
3. Income Earned From Work by Self: \$ _____
4. Untaxed Income and Benefits (AFDC, ADC, SSI, etc.): \$ _____
5. Medical/Dental Expenses Not Covered by Insurance: \$ _____
6. Cash, Savings, Stocks, Bonds, CDs, etc.: \$ _____
7. Net Value of Real Estate Holdings Not Used as Primary Residence (Market Value Less Balance of Mortgage): \$ _____
8. Total Number of Family Members: # _____

Additional Information:

Your Current Marital Status is:

Single Married Separated Divorced Widowed

Total Number of Family Members Attending College at Least Half-Time During the Year: _____

I certify that all the statements made in this application form are true, complete and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief and are made in good faith.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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