



Join the Girl's Grantmaking Initiative

Hey Girls! The Maine Women's Fund and the National Girls Collaborative want YOU to help us give away \$25,000 in grant money to help get more girls interested and active in science, technology, engineering, and math jobs and hobbies.

If you're a girl in 8th-12th grade interested in helping grow programs that serve girls, we want you to apply to be on the girls' grantmaking team!

All girls who are chosen will participate in designing and putting into action a process to grant money to girls' programs. If you're interested, pencil in the afternoon of March 6th to join us at Bowdoin College from 1-5pm where the girls' grantmaking team will decide how and where to give \$25,000 in grant dollars.

The Girls Grantmaking Initiative is an opportunity for young women, in grades 8-12, to get hands on with charity, philanthropy, and grantmaking.

The Maine Women's Fund and the National Girls Collaborative are asking you to allocate \$25,000 in grant dollars to projects designed for you – in effect determining the initiatives that best serve your interests and needs when it comes to engaging you in the STEM fields.

When: March 6, 1PM – 5 PM

Where: Bowdoin College, Brunswick

Who: Girls in grades 8 -12

How: Applications due February 5th, 2010, submitted via email to

Elizabeth@mainewomensfund.org and via mail to: Elizabeth Stefanski, Maine Women's Fund, 565 Congress Street Ste 306, Portland ME 04101.

Girls Grantmaking Initiative – Background

In 2008, the Maine Women's Fund made a \$5,000 grant to the National Girls Collaborative Project in Maine (NGCP), an initiative dedicated to increasing girls' participation in the field of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM). At the Maine Women's Fund, our primary concern is the financial security of women and girls in Maine. Since there are so many great jobs in these fields, we want to get more girls interested in and prepared for them! Grants under \$1,000 will be given to projects that increase girls' participation in the STEM fields. We believe that girls know best what will serve their interest, so we are



excited to bring together this community of girls and entrust in them the job of picking what programs should receive our grant money.

With some guidance, these girls will gather the afternoon of March 6th and determine how and where to allocate \$25,000 in grant money. Together, they will define their own grantmaking process, discuss their grantmaking options, and allocate their grant dollars. Join us in helping girls reach their full potential in Maine!

What is the Maine Women's Fund?

The Maine Women's Fund is a public foundation for women and girls in Maine. Our work enables women and girls to use their vision, voice, and resources to create lasting change for everyone.

Through our grantmaking, we fund programs that build economic security for women and girls, and through them, our broader community. In our grantmaking, we focus on four areas: education, public policy, entrepreneurship & better jobs, and financial literacy & asset building. Our leadership programs provide resources, community, skills, and experience that enable women to tap fully into their leadership potential in service to others and in their personal and professional lives.

Requirements

No experience necessary. Applicants must be between 8th and 12th grade, able to work cooperatively as part of a team, and be committed to the full session on March 6th.



Girls Grantmaking Initiative Application

Applications should be submitted to Elizabeth@mainewomensfund.org by February 5, 2010.

Name:

Street Address:

City, Zip:

School and Grad of Enrollment:

Race/ Ethnicity (optional):

Parent Guardian (please print):

**Are you able to be transported to the Girls Grantmaking Initiative: Please circle one
yes/ no**

Please write a paragraph explaining why you want to be involved, what you have to offer to the group and other girls, and what you think the experience can offer you: