



RUFUS M. DALTON LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

“In a gentle way, you can shake the world.” – Ghandi

BACKGROUND

The Rufus M. Dalton Leadership Scholarship was established in 2014 in honor of its namesake and his 90th birthday. From his service in World War II, where he earned a Bronze Star and Purple Heart for his heroic service, to his career as an entrepreneur, philanthropist, mission worker, Sunday school teacher, volunteer, role model, and pillar of our community, Rufus is an inspiration to many. He has supported countless worthy causes with his time, wisdom and guidance, but perhaps his most profound influence has been a defining role and his decades long tenure on the board of North Carolina Outward Bound School.

THE AWARD

This annual scholarship awards an exemplary student with an all-expenses paid, 22-day backpacking, rock climbing, and whitewater canoeing course in the Blue Ridge Mountains. Included in this award is provision of gear required for the wilderness course; the total experience is valued at \$4,800.

ELIGIBILITY

Eligible applicants must:

- Be a current high school Freshman, Sophomore or Junior
- Live in Mecklenburg County
- Show a proven desire to lead and serve others
- Demonstrate limited financial means

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THE EXPERIENCE

The scholarship recipient will venture deep into some of the oldest mountains in the world, over rocky mountain faces and through racing rivers. During three weeks in the Pisgah and Nantahala National Forests, scholars will work with their crews to navigate lush forests, cook their own meals, set up camp in the backcountry, navigate rivers by canoe, climb ancient rock faces, and learn Leave No Trace techniques to minimize their impact on the land.

Outward Bound expeditions push students physically, socially and emotionally. As students learn technical skills in challenging situations without typical comforts of modern life, they also learn self-reliance, craftsmanship, physical fitness, and compassion – these are the four pillars of Outward Bound, upon which all courses are based.

An Outward Bound course is not easy, but it is worth it. Students emerge from their expeditions as tenacious, trail-tested leaders with increased confidence and a passion to do more. They return home stronger and more resilient, and empowered to achieve their goals.

In addition to these results, the Rufus M. Dalton Leadership Scholarship Committee expects recipients to come away with an emboldened confidence to lead through adversity, a desire to work with and for others that is grounded in empathy, and the courage to live their values regardless of popularity. To help recipients leverage this experience to achieve individual goals, every scholar will be matched with a community leader to mentor them on an ongoing basis.

*"There is more in us than we know. If we can be made to see it, perhaps for the rest of our lives we will be unwilling to settle for less."
-Kurt Hahn, Outward Bound Founder*

THE ORGANIZATION

For more than 50 years, North Carolina Outward Bound School (NCOBS) has delivered challenging outdoor adventure programs based in experiential education to people of all ages and walks of life. These programs help individuals discover their strength of character, ability to lead, and desire to serve. We are a non-profit organization and are proud to be part of a national network of Outward Bound schools in the US and all over the world.

ONLINE RESOURCES

North Carolina Outward Bound School website: www.ncobs.org

Scholarship Information: <https://www.ncobs.org/rufus-dalton-scholarship>

What to expect: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V485KgWVwto>

22-day course photo montage: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4q0XFhzaa0A>

TO APPLY

1. Complete the Applicant Information and Availability sections of the Scholarship Application.
2. Write a Statement of Motivation addressing the prompt as directed.
3. Request that a parent, guardian, school staff, or any adult in your life to write the Statement of Support on your behalf addressing the indicated prompt.
4. Submit the completed form AND essays electronically to:

Alexys J. Taylor
Charlotte Program Coordinator
North Carolina Outward Bound School
ataylor@ncobs.org | 704.790.9805

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2020 TIMELINE

February and March	Applications distributed.
March 27	Applications due by 5 pm.
April 9-16	Interviews conducted.
April 21	Winners and alternates chosen.
Spring 2019	Paperwork completed, gear secured.
Summer 2019	Winners attend 22-day wilderness course.
Fall 2019	Winners submit post-course report and appropriate letters of impact, and are matched with Dalton Scholar Mentors.
Ongoing	Winners participate in mentorship program tailored to their needs and participate in NCOBS events as applicable.

For questions about the Rufus M. Dalton Leadership Scholarship, contact Alexys J. Taylor
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RUFUS M. DALTON LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Student Details (Completed by Student)		Parent/Guardian Details (Completed by Parent/Guardian)	
Name		Name(s)	
School		Relationship to Applicant	
Birthdate	Grade	Home Address	
Home Address		City	State
City	State	Phone	
Phone	GPA	Email	
Email		Briefly explain how the applicant has limited financial means. More information may be requested.	
Identify a parent, guardian, school staff, or any adult in your lives who will act as a reference for you:			
Reference's Name			
Reference's Title			
Reference's Phone			
Reference's Email			

AVAILABILITY

Indicate the applicant's availability to attend a wilderness course during the offered timeframes by checking either the "Available" or "Unavailable" boxes for each option at right. Note: checking "Available" means you can be away from home for every day listed; if you are unavailable even one day, you must check "Unavailable" for that option.

Course Option	Available	Unavailable
June 22 to July 13		
June 25 to July 16		
July 6 to July 27		
July 15 to August 5		

STATEMENT OF MOTIVATION

Review the attached background information and write a one to two-page essay answering ALL the following:

1. Why do you want to do an Outward Bound course? Why do you want to broaden your current comfort zone?
2. Explain a specific instance when you overcome adversity. What made you persevere rather than give up?
3. Explain at least one specific way you have demonstrated leadership skills.
4. Being awarded this opportunity would be a significant honor. How would you use this experience to improve yourself and make a difference for others?

STATEMENT OF SUPPORT

Ask a parent, guardian, school staff, or any adult in your life to write an essay answering the following:

What characteristics make the applicant a good candidate for this scholarship and the expedition it funds? Please be specific and give examples to illustrate your point. How do you think he or she would benefit from the experience? Please be sure to familiarize yourself with the background information attached to this application.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

This application, including my essay, is my own work or formally cited from other sources. I affirm the information contained herein is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge, and I understand it will be shared with the scholarship committee.

Student signature: _____

Date: _____

I support my student applying for this experience.

Parent or guardian signature: _____

Date: _____