



Burr and Burton Academy
The Rowland Student Life and Learning Fund

The Rowland Student Life and Learning Fund was established by Barry and Wendy Rowland to provide students with opportunities for learning outside the classroom to produce healthy, well-rounded and productive graduates through more personalized learning, improved communication skills, and enhanced leadership skills. The Rowland Fund provides funding for student travel to those who might otherwise not be able to afford a trip.

Every year at Burr and Burton Academy, faculty members lead numerous trips to destinations all over the world. Each program provides students the opportunity to step outside their comfort zones and try something new. For some, these can be life-changing experiences. Traveling with fellow classmates and faculty members, students return with new friendships and bonds by sharing in something extraordinary.

Applications are reviewed by a committee that determines eligibility for financial assistance based on several criteria including:

- Family income: preference is given to families at the lower end of the income spectrum. As a general guideline, those with household income above \$85,000 are unlikely to receive support. Every family, regardless of income, is expected to contribute something toward a trip.
- Previous funding: preference is given toward those who have not received previous funding.
- Grade level: preference is given to seniors and juniors. However, many sophomores and freshmen have received funding in the past.
- Quality of Application: the essays matter. Those that reflect significant thought and effort will receive greater attention. Each year, a small number of outstanding essays are given particular weight in the decision-making process.
- Embodiment of our core principles of Responsibility, Integrity, and Service as demonstrated through positive participation in the Burr and Burton community.

The Rowland Student Life and Learning Fund receives more applications than there are funds available, but the school does its best to honor each request with fairness and integrity.

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Application for Assistance

Please complete this form and submit it and all required accompanying information to the headmaster's office (Jamaica Kaercher) by **Friday, October 2, 2026**. Late applications will not be accepted.

Name _____ Date _____

Grade _____ Advisor _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Program for which you are requesting assistance _____

Faculty Leader _____

Dates of program: From _____ To _____

Total cost of program _____

Amount you are requesting from the Rowland Student Life and Learning Fund _____

Have you ever received support from the Rowland Student Life and Learning Fund before? YES NO

If yes, please note the year and description
of the program and amount granted _____

ESSAY

On a separate sheet please prepare an essay explaining why you are interested in participating in this program and what rewards you feel you will gain from going. What would this experience mean to you personally? For example, are you interested in this program due to similar educational and professional pursuits? Is there a family history connecting you to this location? In addition, be sure to explain how you are planning to work or fundraise to defray part of the cost to travel. Essays should be one to two pages typed. Please be aware that this essay is heavily weighted in the consideration of your application for assistance.

TAX RETURN

A complete copy of your parents' most recent 1040 Federal Tax Return including all schedules must accompany this application. **If your parents do not file a tax return together, please provide tax returns for both parents even if only one parent has custody.** Also, a statement from parents explaining any unusual circumstances which would help in determining financial support from the school may be included if you wish. All information included with your application will be kept confidential.

By signing below, I certify that the information contained in this application is accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Student Signature

Parent/Guardian Signature