



Windward Bound 2018 Application

Introduction:

Sail to some of the most beautiful places on the Great Lakes. Learn about the unique freshwater environment of the largest body of freshwater in the world. Character building, confidence boosting, and learning are three reasons our programs attract students from around the Midwest.

Windward Bound is a co-ed, live-aboard voyaging experience for teens ages 14 to 18. The teens sail aboard the 85-foot schooner *Appledore IV*. During the voyages, we focus on seamanship and freshwater science, which means learning the art of traditional sailing and studying the ecology of the lakes you're sailing on.

As the ship sails between ports, participants stand a regular watch while learning every aspect of running the ship, from navigation to meal preparation. The ships anchor most nights in one of the thousands of secluded coves on the lakes. Occasionally, we visit small port towns. Voyage highlights include trips ashore in the ship's tenders, exploration of uninhabited islands, and beach cookouts.

Appledore IV is owned and operated by BaySail, a nonprofit educational organization based in Bay City, MI. BaySail has provided educational experiences aboard its tall ships to more than 44,000 students over the last 20 years. The vessel is inspected and licensed by the United States Coast Guard and meets or exceeds requirements of a traveling camp licensed by the State of Michigan.

Important Dates:

March 1, 2018	Applications available online at www.baysailbaycity.org or by calling BaySail at 989-895-5193
April 15, 2018	Applications are due by midnight.
April 16 – 20, 2018	Applications reviewed by the Selection Committee
April 20, 2018	Applicants notified of acceptance status
June 15, 2018	Trainee introduction day, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
July 8 – 11, 2018	Voyage 1 – Bay City, MI to Sandusky, OH
July 29 – August 1, 2018	Voyage 2 – Bay City, MI to Rogers City, MI
August 23, 2018	BaySail's 20 th Anniversary Reception, trainees and families invited

Who Should Apply?

The **Windward Bound** program is available to high school students ages 14-18. Applicants should demonstrate a strong interest in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) disciplines and submit a recommendation letter from a current or previous STEM teacher.

Applicants should be comfortable making friends, working in small groups and living in a small space. They should be physically and mentally fit, able to swim 50 yards and tread water for 5 minutes. Sailing experience is not required, but is helpful.

Program Cost:

Thanks to the generosity of a small group of benefactors, scholarship funding has been made available for twelve trainees to participate in a Windward Bound voyage this season.

Preference will be given to applicants from the Great Lakes Bay Region of Bay, Midland, Saginaw, and Isabella counties. Interested applicants from the Great Lakes Bay Region and beyond are encouraged to apply before midnight on Sunday, April 15, 2018.

Applications will be evaluated on merit and short answer responses. Each applicant will be asked to rank their voyage preferences. BaySail will accommodate voyage preferences as much as possible but cannot make any guarantees.

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Last Name _____ First Name _____ Middle Initial _____

Phone Number _____ E-mail Address _____

Street Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Parent/Guardian _____ Phone _____

Date of Birth _____ Age as of July 1, 2018 _____

Current School _____

Please indicate how confident you are in your ability to perform the following tasks or level of interest by ranking yourself on a 5-point scale choosing one answer from: 1 (Not at all confident), 2 (Somewhat confident), 3 (Confident), 4 (Very confident), or 5 (Extremely confident):

Tell us about your abilities:	1	2	3	4	5
Personal communication skills (oral and written text)					
Setting up short term and long term goals					
Scheduling time for daily tasks and completion of goals					
Swimming in deep water					
Working in small or confined spaces					
Interest in Great Lakes ecology					
Comfort with physical capabilities					

Rank your voyage preferences:	1	2
Voyage 1: Bay City, MI to Sandusky, OH (July 8-11)		
Voyage 2: Bay City, MI to Rogers City, MI (July 26- August 1)		

List any current or previous group involvement (volunteering, school clubs, work experience, sailing experience, etc.). **Note:** sailing experience is not required to be considered for Windward Bound.

In addition to completing this application, you must also provide:

- A letter of recommendation/support for this opportunity from a STEM faculty or teacher who is familiar with your abilities and learning habits. The letter should address your critical thinking skills, practical abilities, ability to be self-directed, working in a team and living away from home in a small space for several days.

If you are selected to participate in the **Windward Bound** program for summer 2018, you must do the following:

- Complete a medical information form
- Attend trainee introduction day on June 15, 2018 from 8:30a – 4:30p
- Provide your own transportation to the trainee introduction day
- Sign a photo release document
- Attend BaySail's anniversary reception on Thursday, August 23, 2018

I understand the requirements to apply for this program and certify that the information provided in this application is true to the best of my knowledge.

Applicant Signature Date

Name of Parent or Legal Guardian _____

Phone Number _____ E-mail Address _____

I hereby attest that my child/ward _____ has my permission to participate in the summer 2018 **Windward Bound** program if s/he is selected.

Parent Signature Date

Please be advised that completing and submitting this application does not automatically guarantee applicant will be selected to participate in the Windward Bound program for summer 2018.

For information about BaySail and its voyaging programs aboard *Appledore IV*, please contact:

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THE APPLICATION DEADLINE IS MIDNIGHT ON SUNDAY, APRIL 15, 2018. Send your completed application including a letter of reference from a teacher to **Windward Bound Program**, c/o BaySail at 107 Fifth Street, Upper Floor, Bay City, MI 48708 or by email to info@baysailbaycity.org.