



WINDWARD BOUND 2019 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* and the 65-foot schooner *Appledore V*. 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 ships sail between ports, participants stand a regular watch while learning every aspect of running the ships, from navigation to meal preparation. Each voyage takes participants on a unique experience determined in part by the destination and the amount of time it takes to reach each destination port.

Next season, both ships will traverse the Great Lakes participating in the TALL SHIPS CHALLENGE® race series between ports in the United States and Canada. Approximately a dozen vessels participate in the races as they make their way to designated ports. Our ships will make appearances in ports like Green Bay, Buffalo, Cleveland, Duluth, Bay City, and more!

Appledore IV and *V* are owned and operated by BaySail, a nonprofit organization based in Bay City, MI. BaySail has provided educational experiences aboard its tall ships to more than 48,000 students since 1998. The vessels are inspected and licensed by the United States Coast Guard and meet or exceed the requirements of a traveling camp licensed by the State of Michigan.

IMPORTANT DATES:

December 21, 2018	Applications available online at www.baysailbaycity.org
April 1, 2019	Applications are due by midnight
April 10-12, 2019	Applications reviewed by the Selection Committee
April 17, 2019	Applicants notified of acceptance status
May 18, 2019	Trainee introduction day, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
June 16 – 22, 2019	Voyage – Lake Huron ports (starts/ends in Bay City, MI)
June 28 – July 3, 2019	Voyage – Bay City, MI to Buffalo, NY
July 14 – 17, 2019	Voyage – Cleveland, OH to Bay City, MI
August 4 – 9, 2019	Voyage – Kenosha, WI to Sarnia, ONT
August 13 – 18, 2019	Voyage – Duluth, MN to Port Huron, MI
October 5, 2019	Windward Bound Reunion (Bay City), 6:00 p.m.

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 being comfortable aboard a boat is necessary.

Some voyages in 2019 will include stops in Canada. Trainees participating in international voyages are required to have a valid US passport. We recommend all trainees carry at least one form of photo identification when participating in the program.

PROGRAM COST:

Thanks to the generosity of a small group of benefactors, scholarship funding has been made available for students 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 Monday, April 1, 2019.

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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SUMMER 2019

Last Name _____ First Name _____ Middle Initial _____

Phone _____ Applicant E-mail Address _____

Street Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Parent/Guardian _____ Phone _____

Date of Birth _____ Age as of June 1, 2019 _____

Current School _____

Have you participated in a Windward Bound program before? If so, when? _____

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 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	3	4	5
Lake Huron ports (starts/ends in Bay City) (June 16-22)					
Bay City, MI to Buffalo, NY (June 28-July 4) *Passport required					
Cleveland, OH to Bay City, MI (July 14-17)					
Kenosha, WI to Sarnia, ONT (August 4-9) *Passport required					
Duluth, MN to Port Huron, MI (August 13-18)					

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.

What excites you about participating in a Windward Bound sail training experience?

How do you think you will benefit from this experience?

What do you think will be the most challenging part(s) of this experience?

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 in 2019, you must do the following:

- Complete a medical information form (must be certified by a physician)
- Attend trainee introduction day on May 18, 2019 from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
- Provide your own transportation to the trainee introduction day
- Transportation is provided to/from the ship, but trainees must provide their own transportation to Bay City for the shuttle
- Sign a photo release document
- Attend the Windward Bound reunion event on Saturday, October 5, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in Bay City

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 2019 **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 2019.

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

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THE APPLICATION DEADLINE IS MIDNIGHT ON MONDAY, APRIL 1, 2019. Send your completed application including a letter of recommendation 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.