



WINDWARD BOUND 2020 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.

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.

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.

Voyage 4 in 2020 will include stops in Canada. Trainees participating in international voyages are required to have a valid US passport or enhanced driver's license. 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 all 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 Friday, April 3, 2020.

Applications will be evaluated on self-evaluation and short answer responses. Our goal is to create trainee crews that complement each other's strengths and weaknesses, interests, and experience level. Each applicant will be asked to rank their voyage preferences. BaySail will accommodate voyage preferences as much as possible but cannot make any guarantees.

- Voyage 6: Milwaukee to Bay City Aug 4th – Aug 13th
 - Students will be dropped off in Bay City by 9am on August 4th and students will be picked up by 9pm on August 13th
 - This voyage will begin with learning the finer points of sail trim while exploring the inner harbor of Milwaukee Bay in the small boat. Water samples will also be taken in order to compare quality and biodiversity between our first and last destinations. This transit will include at least two overnights spent underway so students will get to learn compass navigation while at the helm and the basics of ship navigation at night. The most exciting aspect of the trip is getting to sail under the Mackinac Bridge to return to Lake Huron. This trip will appeal to the outdoorsy side of crew and students as there are many potential destinations that will involve hiking and observing different ecosystems. These destinations MAY include Mackinac Island area, Grand Traverse Bay area, Beaver Island or the Sleeping Bear Dunes.

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Please complete digitally or in black or blue pen

Applicant Information

Last Name _____ First Name _____ Middle Initial _____

Phone _____ E-mail Address _____

Street Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Date of Birth _____ Age as of June 1, 2020 _____ Gender _____

Current School _____

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

Would you like to be placed with a friend? Friend's name _____

Please indicate your voyage preference by checking the corresponding box, with 1 as the most preferred voyage, and 6 as least preferred.

Rank your voyage preferences:	1	2	3	4	5	6
Voyage 1- Bay City, MI to Bay City, MI (June 19-24)						
Voyage 2- Bay City, MI to Sandusky, OH (June 26-July 2)						
Voyage 3- Sandusky, OH to Bay City, MI (July 7-13)						
Voyage 4- Bay City, MI to Alpena, MI (July 18-26) *passport required						
Voyage 5- Alpena, MI to Milwaukee, WI (July 28- August 6)						
Voyage 6- Milwaukee, WI to Alpena, MI (August 4-13)						

Please indicate how confident you are in your ability to perform the following tasks or level of interest by checking the corresponding box using the 5-point scale: 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					

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 2020, you must do the following:

- Complete a medical information form (must be certified by a physician)
- Attend Trainee Orientation Day on May 16, 2020
- 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 10, 2020

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 2020 **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 2020.

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

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THE APPLICATION DEADLINE IS MIDNIGHT ON FRIDAY, APRIL 3, 2020. 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 program@baysailbaycity.org.