

**Bryan MacFarlane and Billy Brackett Memorial Scholarships
Percival P. Baxter Foundation for Maine's Deaf and Hard of Hearing
Community or Four-Year Institution Scholarship**

Two \$1,000 endowed scholarships have been created to honor both Bryan MacFarlane and Billy Brackett whose lives tragically ended on October 25, 2023, as a result of the Lewiston mass shooting.

Bryan MacFarlane's Bio

Bryan MacFarlane attended the Governor Baxter School for the Deaf from age 2 until graduation in 2000. He excelled at sports and earned numerous trophies in ice hockey, soccer and basketball. Bryan started playing ice hockey at age 5; and, in his senior year in H.S. he played goalie for the Portland H.S. Bulldogs. In his 20's, Bryan moved to Vermont and completed classes at a school for truck drivers thus earning him the distinction as Vermont's 1st deaf person to obtain a class A Commercial Driver's License (CDL). A series of circumstances led Bryan back to Maine in September of 2023 with the dream of buying a parcel of land, building his own house and working as a trucker. Tragically, he was 1 of 4 deaf men killed in the Lewiston mass shooting on October 25, 2023 while with friends at a cornhole tournament. Bryan made friends easily and enjoyed a full life. He wore his heart on his sleeve and was always willing to help family and friends.

Billy Brackett's Bio

Billy attended Baxter School for the Deaf (GBSD) and he graduated in 1994. Billy was a beloved member of the Deaf Community. He had a love for cornhole and darts, where he was known as the "Silent Giant". He was playing in a cornhole tournament when his life was taken. Billy loved fishing and hunting and was looking forward to the day he could teach his little girl. Growing up he played basketball where he scored 1000-plus points. He was an outstanding baseball player in the league in Auburn/ Lewiston and recognized as a great goalie in soccer. He took pride in his job with FEDEX and loved to help others. He left behind his loving wife, Kristina and his three-year old daughter, Sandra Brackett, whom he adored.

*All applicants must be deaf or hard of hearing from Maine and graduating from high school prior to June 25, 2024. Current college students will also be considered. All applications and required information must be postmarked by **April 15, 2024**.*

Incomplete applications, or those postmarked after this date, will not be processed.

Name _____

Name college you plan to attend or currently attending _____

Intended college major _____

Student address: County _____

Street Address or P. O. Box _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Cell _____ Email _____

Name of High School _____ Date of Graduation _____ G.P.A. _____

Please tell us a bit about your leadership and/or community service. If none, please explain why.

Required information for applicants. Do not staple to application.

1. Please submit the information requested below printed on one side only (not front and back).
2. Personal statement describing your career aspirations and school choice (up to 500 words).
3. Your official high school transcript or current college transcript.
4. This completed application form.

It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that all of the required items are submitted on or before the application deadline. All information received from applicants will be held in confidence.

I certify that all information contained in this application is true and accurate.

Signature of Applicant _____

All applications and required information *must* be postmarked by April 15, 2024 to:

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