

John W. York & Jessie E. York Scholarship
and
Bessie B. & Faith N. York Educational Fund

What are they and who is eligible?

Both of these award funds are available only to Kensington residents. The John W. York and Jessie E. York Scholarship Fund is intended to be awarded to a graduating high school senior planning on a career in agriculture or ecology. If there are no applicants that meet this priority field of study, the award can be made to another resident who merits the award based on the information contained in their application. Eligible residents may also apply for this award in subsequent post-secondary education years, however the first emphasis is on those individuals who are entering a college, university, or technical/trade school for the first year.

The Bessie B. & Faith N. York Educational Fund is intended to be awarded to any age student with a financial need as long as the recipient attended the Kensington Elementary School for five (5) years. The award is not necessarily for "tuition". It could be used to pay a fee/cost for a specialized or extracurricular pre- or post-secondary education class or program.

How do I apply?

The application season opens in January of each year. Applications are available on the Town website, at Exeter High School, or by contacting a Trustee of the Trust Funds Board member. Kensington residents who attend schools other than Exeter High School are also eligible and may apply using the form. The deadline for application submission is set by the EHS counseling office. If you are an Exeter High School student, the application may be submitted through the Guidance Office there. If you are attending another educational institution, you must send your application to the Trustee of the Trust Funds, Town of Kensington, 95 Amesbury Road, Kensington, NH 03833 or via email to kensington.trustees@gmail.com by the EHS counseling office deadline.

How are awards made?

Applications received by the deadline are forwarded to their respective independent Committees which are comprised of Kensington residents. They consider all valid applications and select award recipients. They notify the Trustee of the Trust Funds representative of their selections, and amounts awarded. There is further information on the Town website which provides guidance on how recipients receive their awards.

The award monies granted each year may differ due to the criteria stated when the funds were created. For example, no principal of the fund may be used to grant an award. So each year, the investment firm that manages these funds notifies the Trustees of the maximum amounts that may be offered in awards.