

Dear Friends and Family,

I am writing to ask for your support. I am hoping to embark on an educational journey to receive a certificate in permaculture design. Permaculture is a design method and set of skills for creating truly sustainable and resilient human environments and healthy ecosystems.

By immersing myself in this permaculture education experience one weekend per month for six months over the course of 2013, I hope to become a resource for my community for many years to come. (For more about permaculture please see www.portlandmainepermaculture.com)

Upon completing this course, I will join the ranks of the many permaculturists around the region and, indeed, around the world, who are actively designing better ways of living and being, but also more sustainable ways of organizing our businesses, campuses, farms and community spaces. Permaculture is considered to be one of the best tools available to communities in order to navigate the concurrent challenges of climate change, energy uncertainty and economic volatility ahead.

If I am able to find the resources to participate in this permaculture course, I plan to "give back" to my community by... [INSERT IDEAS HERE...ORGANIZE AN EVENT OR TWO, GIVE AN "INTRO TO PERMACULTURE" WORKSHOP, OFFER SOME PERMACULTURE SKILL-SHARING EVENTS...ETC.]

I am hoping to raise [\$] toward the cost of this course. If you wish to support me and/or this vision, you can make a contribution by check to [STUDENT NAME], and return it in the envelope provided (any amount will help!). Thank you so much for your support in this endeavor. If you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at [YOUR EMAIL/PHONE NUMBER HERE].

Sincerely,

[YOUR NAME HERE]

[MAILING ADDRESS HERE]