



## Southern Maine Sea Kayaking Network Richard Rotnem Scholarship Fund

**Purpose:** The Richard Rotnem Scholarship Fund exists to honor the legacy of Richard Rotnem, a friend of SMSKN, MASKGI and a guide for LL Bean, and to further the club's goal of enhancing safety on the water by providing financial support for club members who seek professional training in sea-kayaking skills from a Maine coach or outfitter.

**Funding:** Initial funds for this scholarship come from the sale of items donated by Richard Rotnem and Mary Ellen Kelleher to SMSKN and from existing club investment money. Subsequent funding for the fund will come from currently invested club monies in an amount to be determined by the Board.

**Grant amounts:** Depending on the amount requested, grant amounts will vary, but we aim to cover 50% of course cost. Travel and accommodation, if needed, are not included.

**Eligibility:** Any club member who meets the application criteria is eligible to apply for support from the RRSF; priority will be given to those seeking professional training for the first time. No member may receive more than one grant from the fund. To receive funding, an individual must be:

- A SMSKN member in good standing
- Seeking training from a Maine-based professional coach

### Application process:

1. Applicant submits via e-mail to the SMSKN president a brief statement including the following:
  - a. Paddling history quick summary (i.e., how long have you been paddling, types of paddling you enjoy, level of involvement with SMSKN, association with other paddling clubs/outfitters, etc.)
  - b. Reason for applying
  - c. Proposed training (which coach, which course or program, dates and costs)
2. Upon receiving an application, the SMSKN board decides on a grant and requests a receipt for registration in the proposed course. When this is received, a check in the amount of the grant is mailed to the applicant by our Treasurer.

