



# BILLINGS FARM & MUSEUM

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At Billings Farm & Museum, we believe learning is most meaningful when students are able to experience it with all of their senses. When children can see, touch, hear, and actively participate, lessons move beyond the page and become moments they carry with them long after their school days end.

The **Billings Farm & Museum Scholarship Fund** was created to support local schools in enriching their curriculum, bringing state standards to life, and creating shared experiences that strengthen classroom communities. Through place-based education, students are invited to learn together in ways that spark curiosity, joy, and deeper understanding. On the farm, learning becomes active and engaging—students interact with animals, think critically about historical artifacts, churn butter, and use their hands to work with natural fibers and materials, learning traditional crafts such as weaving, candle making, and fork knitting, and discovering how everyday materials are transformed through patience, practice, and care. These experiences help students form real connections to what they are learning and to the world around them.

When students feel connected, learning becomes personal. These moments foster curiosity, compassion, and communication while encouraging students to think about their role as stewards of their communities and environment. We are honored to play a part in supporting teachers as they nurture these skills and values in their students.

This spring, we hope your students will join us for our ***Life on the Farm: Hands at Work*** program. During this field trip, students will explore life cycles on the farm, meet members of our Jersey herd—from the youngest calves to our oldest cows—churn and taste homemade butter, and work with wool through hands-on crafting. These tactile experiences introduce students to farming, food production, and fiber arts in developmentally appropriate and memorable ways.

We understand that not every child has the opportunity to grow up on a farm—but we believe every child should have the chance to learn from one, especially here in Vermont. By offering scholarships to schools and classrooms, we aim to reduce financial barriers and open the door for students to learn beyond the four walls of the classroom. Together, we can bring learning to life on the farm and create meaningful educational experiences that students will remember for years to come.

We encourage educators to apply by March 15<sup>th</sup>.

The Billings Farm & Museum Scholarship Fund is made possible through the generous donations of individuals and foundations and our Round-Up program.

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Billings Farm & Museum, just a short stroll from the village center of Woodstock, Vermont is now in its 43rd season! We are dedicated to growing a culture of care and connection to land, food, and community at our working Vermont dairy farm. Find the events calendar, program information, daily schedules, admission pricing, and membership information at [www.billingsfarm.org](http://www.billingsfarm.org).

Billings Farm & Museum is owned and operated by The Woodstock Foundation Inc., a charitable non-profit institution. Just a short, scenic stroll from the village center of charming Woodstock, Vermont.