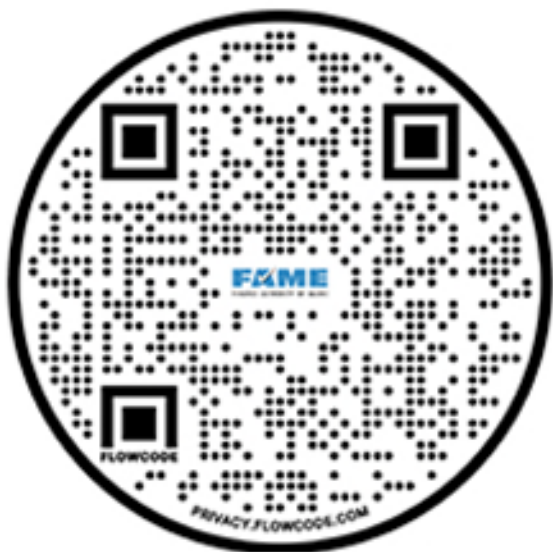


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Agenda

- Maine Community Foundation
- Oxford Hills Community Education Exchange
- Insider Answers
- Your Questions



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About Maine Community Foundation

Founded in 1983, the Maine Community Foundation brings people and resources together to build a better Maine.

MaineCF is headquartered in Ellsworth with an additional office in Portland and staff throughout the state.

MaineCF is a funder, connector and collaborator toward solving important issues facing Maine.

There's no part of Maine that we don't touch, and no person we don't welcome with open arms. We're boldly invested in Maine.

To learn more about the foundation, visit mainecf.org.



MaineCF Scholarships

- Total scholarships - **\$3,803,000** in scholarships to over 1,100 Maine students in 2022
- Over 700 scholarship funds
- The Maine Community Foundation seeks to promote respect for all people. Through its scholarships, the community foundation supports all students regardless of their race, age, ancestry or national origin, sexual orientation, gender, physical or mental disability, religion, or geographical region within the state of Maine.
- Students are eligible regardless of their citizenship or immigration status, and we do not ask for this information in our applications.



Types of Scholarships

- **Scholarship:** These are set up by organizations or donors to benefit a specific eligibility. MaineCF manages the entire process from application all the way to payment. Minimum amount to set up this type of scholarship is \$250,000
- **Agency Scholarship:** set up by a school- typically a high school. The high school manages the entire process from application to payment. MaineCF holds the funds and distributes the award amount to the school for payment. Minimum amount is \$10,000
- **Designated Scholarship:** set up by a donor to benefit a specific school or organization. MaineCF holds the funds and distributes the award amount to the beneficiary for payment. Minimum amount is \$10,000



Eligibility

- Varies widely across our scholarship program
- Many programs benefit a specific school or region – donors wish to support their former high school or the students in their area.
- Major – we have scholarships that support healthcare, journalism, business, veterinary study, education, engineering, STEM – the list goes on! And many do not limit the field of study!
- Memorial scholarships – families of someone who has passed open scholarship funds in their honor. These scholarship funds often have a geographical requirement, or they support a student who has similar interests or goals as the person who passed.
- Adult Learners – must only meet one of our eligibility criteria to be classified as an adult learner.



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Dare to Accept the Challenge



What is the most challenging part of your role as a scholarship administrator/scholarship committee member?



What are you looking for in a scholarship applicant?



What makes a memorable scholarship essay?



What mistakes do you wish applicants would work harder to avoid?



What is the best advice you could offer to a scholarship applicant?

What is the best advice you could offer to someone supporting a scholarship applicant?



Insider Answers

Your Questions?



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