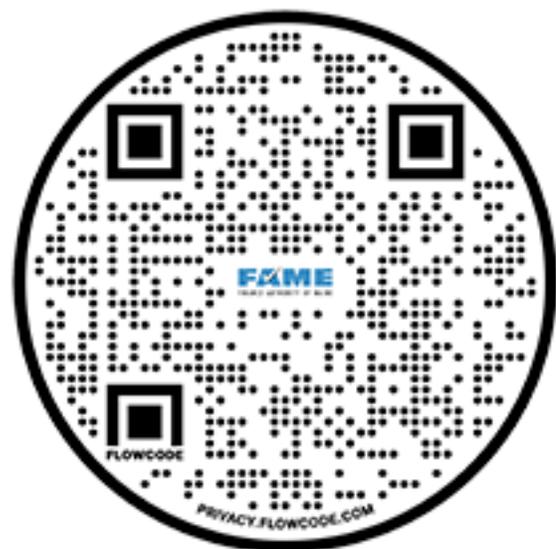


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# Funding Higher Education

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Let's Talk About...

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# University of Presque Isle

## FREE for Four Award

Selected recipients will receive a combination of both grant and scholarship funds to cover the annual cost of standard tuition and fees. Recipients are required to attend as full time students and successfully complete 12 credit hours per semester.

A limited number of awards are available for first time, full-time or transfer students from Maine who have filed a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), are Pell Grant eligible, and have a Student Aid Index (SAI) of 6,655 or lower. Priority will be given to students who apply for Financial Aid by March 31st. If applying after March 31st, please contact the UMPI Admissions Office for details and availability.

## For Maine Families Award

Maine applicants who are not Pell-eligible or have a Student Aid Index (SAI) of 6,656 or higher may receive significant reductions for tuition and fees (at least \$4,600 or more in financial aid grants and scholarships).



**APPLY TODAY!** (207) 768-9532 ★ [umpi-admissions@maine.edu](mailto:umpi-admissions@maine.edu)

The University of Maine at Presque Isle is an equal opportunity/affirmative action institution.



## PINE TREE STATE PLEDGE

Through this tuition guarantee program, qualified and eligible entering in-state, full-time first-year students will not pay any out-of-pocket expenses for tuition (regular UMA tuition) and mandatory fees. This program is also available to transfer in-state full-time Pell eligible students who have earned at least 30 transferable credits and are new to the University of Maine System.



## UMaine at Machias University of Maine at Fort Kent

- Who qualifies for Promise?
  - To be eligible for Downeast Promise funding, a student must:
    - be a first-time, full-time student admitted for the Fall term
    - be pursuing their first degree
    - submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) annually by May 1st of the appropriate year
    - be eligible to receive a Pell Grant as determined by the Department of Education using information provided on the FAFSA
    - be a resident of Maine (defined as having resided in Maine continuously for at least one year prior to applying)
  - Some additional College Specific requirements

**Promise Scholarship** guarantees that **all first-time, full-time, Pell Grant-eligible Maine residents** receive sufficient grant and/or scholarship funding to cover 30 credits per year of tuition and standard fees



## Husson University

- The Cyr Opportunity Scholarship will provide students who have earned a 3.0 GPA in high school, have a family AGI of \$80,000 or less and who live in Penobscot County a tuition-free offer to attend Husson via a combination of federal, state and institutional aid.



*Through the Colby Commitment,*

**We pledge to meet 100% of your demonstrated financial need without loans.**

If your family has a total income of \$75,000 or less (with assets typical of this income range), we've ensured they will have a **parent or guardian contribution of \$0.**

For families with a total income of \$75,001 to \$100,000 and typical assets, your parent or guardian contribution will be **no more than \$10,000.**

For families with a total income of \$100,001 to \$150,000 and typical assets, your parent or guardian contribution will be **no more than \$15,000.**

For families with a total income of \$150,001 to \$200,000 and typical assets, your parent or guardian contribution will be **no more than \$20,000** — which may make Colby cost less for you than any other four-year college or university.

## Free College Scholarship

To qualify for a **Free College Scholarship**  
that **PAYS 100% of TUITION**  
and mandatory fees, students must:

- ▶ Have a high school diploma or equivalent from 2022-25
- ▶ Pursue a degree or academic credential
- ▶ Live in Maine while enrolled



For more information go to  
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## Maine Community Colleges

- Workforce Development



# Scholarship Programs

## Worthington Scholarship

The Worthington Scholarship Foundation awards scholarships to graduates of partnered Maine public high schools who will be attending a participating Maine college or university. Our scholarship is based upon need and merit while generally ensuring representation from a broad cross-section of partner high schools and considering academic interests and life experiences as described in essays. Scholarship amounts can be up to \$20,000. Scholars attending a four-year college will receive up to \$2,500 per semester. Scholars attending a community college will receive up to \$1,500 per semester, with the option to transfer to a four-year institution.

Maine resident and  
graduating senior at  
participating high  
school

GPA requirement of C- or  
higher for Community  
College and B- or higher  
for four-year Colleges

SAI at or below  
30,000



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## Scholarships

The Maine Community Foundation (MaineCF) 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.

MaineCF's approach is designed to reward students' strengths and to affirm the positive aspects of their lives and work.

MaineCF encourages all students seeking post-secondary, graduate, or aspirational educational goals to apply for our scholarships, regardless of citizenship status. Our awards are based on many factors including academic performance, financial need, involvement in extracurricular activities, and work experience, and do not take into consideration an applicant's citizenship or immigration status.

All applicants must submit the required documents which may include applications, transcripts or grade reports, letters of recommendation, and the Student Aid Report from the FAFSA. We will waive the FAFSA requirement for those students unable to submit a FAFSA because of visa or immigration status.

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### Mitchell Scholarship



A \$10,000 College Scholarship  
Plus So Much More

- In addition to the \$10,000 college scholarship (paid in four annual and equal installments of \$2,500), Mitchell Scholars receive access to a broad range of free programs, resources, and additional funding opportunities — throughout their college years and beyond. Next year, the Mitchell Institute will award 200 college scholarships statewide — to at least one graduating student from every public high school in Maine who plans to attend a two- or four-year college in fall 2026.



## Other Funding

### Eastern Maine Development Corp.

#### EMDC

Counties: Penobscot, Piscataquis, Hancock, Washington, Kennebec, Androscoggin, Somerset, Franklin, Aroostook and Oxford Counties

[Workforce@emdc.org](mailto:Workforce@emdc.org)

(207) 991-0147

### Workforce Solutions

Counties: York, Cumberland, Sagadahok, Lincoln, Knox, Waldo

[Intake@WorkforceSolutionsME.org](mailto:Intake@WorkforceSolutionsME.org)

(207) 930-7047

### YOUTH WORKFORCE SERVICES

- EMDC offers paid mentorships and training to people ages 16-24, providing individualized support while they build the skills necessary to thrive in the workforce environment. Participants receive hands-on experience in a work setting and one-on-one career counseling — all while earning a paycheck.
- Earn a paycheck while you learn
- Explore careers with employers who are hiring in your area (including healthcare, information technology, and skilled labor)
- Work at a local business while mentored by EMDC and the employer
- Job coaching, resume building, leadership development, supportive services, and more



### ■ Competitive Skills Scholarship Program (Maine Career Centers)

CSSP provides funding and support services for eligible Maine residents to pursue two and four-year degree programs or employer recognized credentials leading to high-wage, in-demand jobs in Maine.

#### Eligibility Requirements

- Be at least 18 years old or have graduated from High School
- Live in Maine
- Seeking a degree or credential for a job in a high wage, in demand occupation
- Do not have a marketable post-secondary degree
- Have household income of less than 200% of the federal poverty level
- Can complete the education or training program

The Competitive Skills Scholarship pays for tuition and fees that are not covered by other sources, including federal financial aid. CSSP funding may also assist with other supports while you are in training including childcare, transportation, books, supplies, equipment, and remedial and prerequisite training

Eligible applicants can receive up to \$10,000 per year for a full-time student or \$5,000 per year for a part-time student each year you remain in your training program.



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