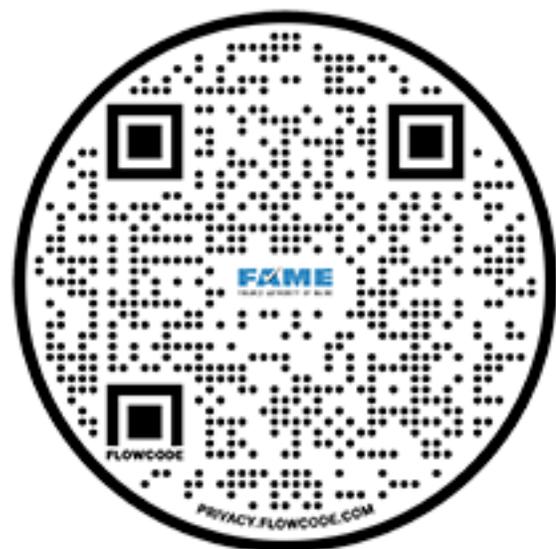


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Scholarship Strategies & Tools

October 31, 2025

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Competitive Skills Scholarship Program

The Competitive Skills Scholarship Program (CSSP) is currently accepting applications.

The Competitive Skills Scholarship Program (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.

To learn more about the requirements of the program please view the CSSP Program Introduction: [\(PDF\)](#)

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](#)
- Have the [ability to complete the education or training program](#)

How to Apply

Applications for CSSP are only accepted during open application periods. The open application period and number of applicants accepted into the program is based on available funding.

What is considered a high-wage, in demand occupation?

The approved CSSP [high-wage in-demand occupations list](#) is developed by Maine Department of Labor's Center for Workforce Research and Information. These jobs have an average wage at or above the average wage for all occupations in Maine and are projected to have a minimum number of job openings annually.

Do I need to be authorized to work to receive a CSSP scholarship?

Work authorization is not a CSSP eligibility requirement.

I wasn't the best student in high school - can I still qualify?

You can still qualify even if you didn't have the best grades in high school. You may be assessed to see if you are able to successfully take part in the training program.

How can the money be used?

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

How much can I expect to receive?

If you are eligible, you 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.

Do I have to pay it back?

The Competitive Skills Scholarship is a grant, not a loan, and does not have to be paid back at the completion of your program.

<https://www.myworksourcemaine.gov/pages/competitive-skills-scholarship-program-cssp>



Maine Programs

Child Support Services	<p>You might be eligible for the HOPE Program if you:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Are a parent or caretaker relative of a minor child who is living with you. 2. Are a Maine resident between the ages of 16 through 64. 3. Meet the financial qualifications. See below to see what this means for you. 4. Have been accepted to or are enrolled at least half-time in a qualifying training or education program beyond high school. If you are enrolled less than half-time, the HOPE Program needs to approve this. 5. Are not currently receiving, or someone in your family unit is not currently receiving, a monthly TANF or PaS cash benefit. 6. Are a U.S. citizen or eligible non-U.S. citizen. Many non-citizens are eligible. 7. Do not already have a marketable bachelor's degree. 8. Are making satisfactory progress in your training or education program (on your school's standards) and you are on track to graduate. <p>If you fit the description above, you may be eligible and want to apply. If you are unsure if you are eligible, you should contact us to find out more. We are here to help.</p>
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	
Higher Opportunity for Pathways to Employment (HOPE)	
Do I Qualify?	
How Can HOPE Help?	
How Do I Apply?	
For Current Participants	
Resources For HOPE Graduates	

Programs & Services
Child Support Services
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
Higher Opportunity for Pathways to Employment (HOPE)
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Employment and Training
SUN Bucks
Health Care Assistance
General Assistance
Disability Determination Services
Fraud Investigation and Recovery Unit

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)

The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) provides a monthly benefit to help low-income households purchase nutritious food.

If you receive SNAP you may also be eligible to participate in Maine SNAP-Ed or [Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Employment and Training \(SNAP E&T\)](#)

What do I need to do to apply?

Eligibility for SNAP is based on income, assets, expenses and household size. You will need to fill out an application, complete an interview and provide verification of your household's income, identity, citizenship status, assets and other items depending on your household circumstances.

How do I apply?

Option 1: Apply online through [My Maine Connection](#).

Option 2: Download and mail an [application](#).

Office for Family Independence
114 Corn Shop Lane
Farmington, ME 04938

Option 3: E-mail an application to Farmington.DHHS@Maine.gov

Option 4: Fax an application to (207) 778-8429.



STATE OF MAINE
Department of
Health and Human Services

<https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/ofi/programs-services>



EMDC Workforce Development

WHO IS EASTERN MAINE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION?

Tuition Assistance May include:

- Tuition Assistance
- Textbook Costs
- Required Course Tools

Support Services May include:

- Transportation
- Clothing for interviews and employment
- Emergency Services



EMDC Headquarters – 40 Harlow St. Bangor, ME 04401

Workforce@emdc.org

Programs for:

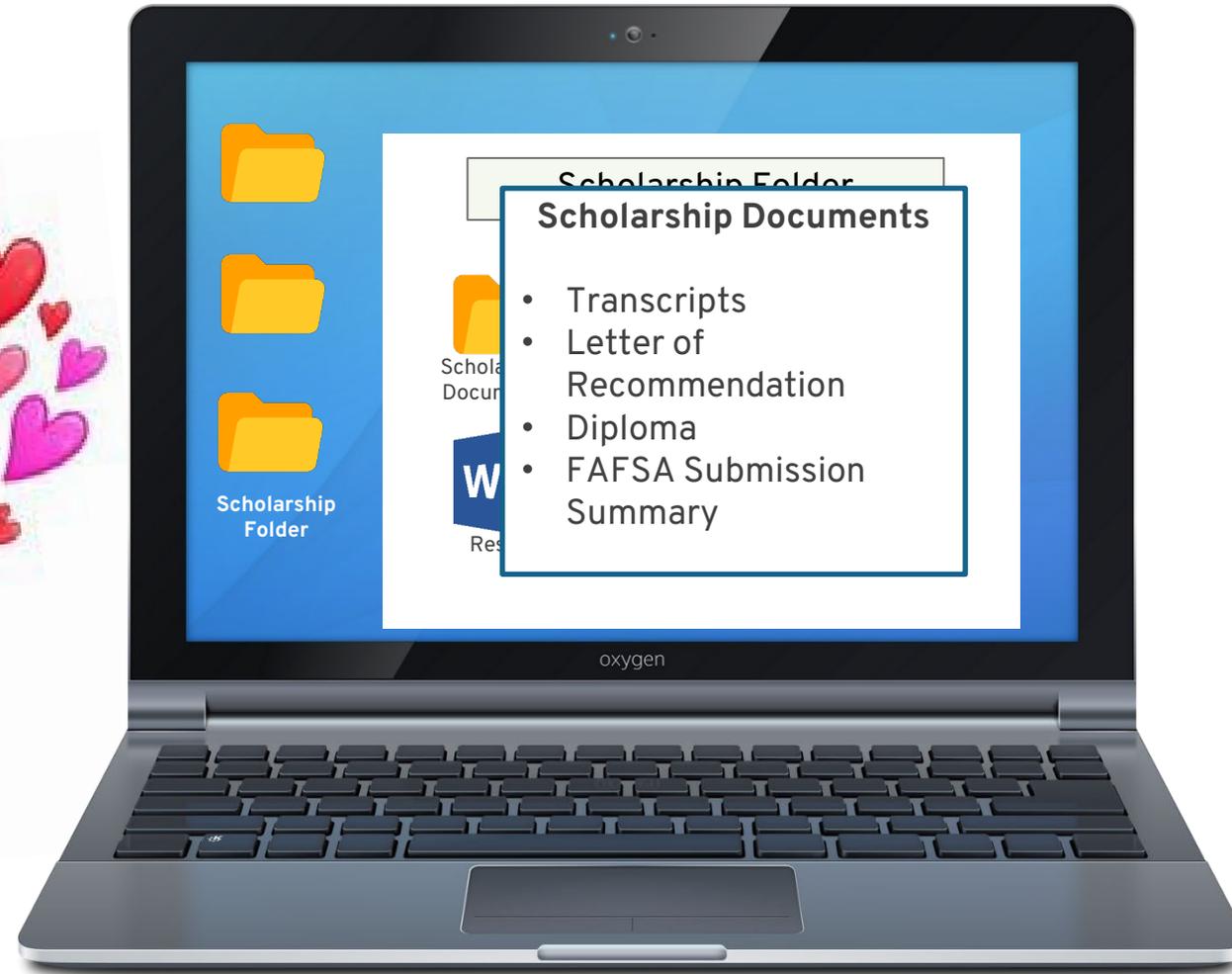
- Young Mainers (14-24)
- Dislocated workers
- Public Assistance Recipients
- Low-Income Individuals
- Difficulty with math or reading





It's soooooo hard.
How do I do this???







Maine Scholarship Search

HOME > AFFORDING HIGHER EDUCATION > PAY FOR SCHOOL > MAINE SCHOLARSHIP SEARCH

Your Guide to Finding Scholarships

Scholarships are a form of gift aid—meaning they don't need to be repaid. Most are awarded outside of the college's financial aid process, so it's up to you to search and apply. Start with FAME's Maine Scholarship Search tool below to explore opportunities.

Stay organized with our [tracking spreadsheet \(.xlsx format\)](#) or [Google Sheets version](#).

- Want more options? Visit the [Maine Community Foundation's scholarship directory](#) for even more listings.

Do you currently manage a scholarship? Do you want to add a new scholarship? Find all FAME's Scholarship Administrator [resources below](#).

Filter Scholarships By

Eligibility

- Enrolled in College
- High School
- Open to Non-US Citizens
- Open to Postgrads
- Returning to School

Areas of Study

- Agriculture, Animals, and the Environment
- Architecture, Construction, Trades, and Manufacturing
- Arts, Media, and Communication
- Business and Marketing
- Computer Science and Information Technology
- Education and Teaching
- Engineering and Technology

♥ Favorites Selected (1)

Search Scholarships:

Search

Sort Scholarships By:

Deadline (Nearest First)

<https://www.FAMEmaine.com/scholarships>

Use Free Searches

Frank J. Gaziano Memorial Offensive and Defensive Lineman Award

SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNT:

\$5,000

DEADLINE: December 9th

View Full Details →

UMaine Pulp & Paper Foundation Scholarship for Engineering Majors (First Year Student)

SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNT:

\$8,500

DEADLINE: December 31st

View Full Details →

Camp Susan Curtis Scholarship

SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNT:

\$2,000

DEADLINE: January 15th

View Full Details →

Clyde Russell Scholarship Fund

SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNT:

\$2,000 - \$10,000

DEADLINE: February 1st

View Full Details →

Maine Island Sweet Scholarship

SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNT:

Up to \$2,500

American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) Maine Section

SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNT:

File Home Insert Page Layout Formulas Data Review View Automate Help Acrobat

Clipboard Font Alignment Styles Cells Editing Sensitivity Add-ins

A2 Powered by:

Scholarship Tracker

Powered by:  FINANCE AUTHORITY OF MAINE

Tips:

1. For best results, download this file.
2. Sort by due date so you know what's coming next.
3. Read all instructions carefully.
4. Have any essays or personal statements proofread by others.
5. Submit a day or two before the deadline to avoid issues with busy websites.

Find a list of scholarship to apply for and other resources at FAMEmaine.com/scholarships

Due Date	Scholarship Name	Original Website	Amount	Qualifications	Essay	Letter(s) of Recommendation	Transcript Required?	FAFSA Submission Summary (FSS)	Other Requirements	Sent	Apply again?
5/1/2025	Maine Legislative Memorial Scholarship Fund	Maine Legislative Memorial Scholarship Fund (famemaine.com)	\$1,000.00	Maine Resident, Attending Maine College	In 300 words or less, explain your educational goals and intentions and also include a statement of how this scholarship would make a difference in your ability to achieve these goals.	(2) School or College Official, Person knowledgeable regarding my community service	Yes	Yes (all pages)	Online application		Yes



Maine Community Foundation

<https://www.mainecef.org/find-a-scholarship/available-scholarships/>

The screenshot shows the Maine Community Foundation website. At the top left is the logo, which consists of a stylized graphic of horizontal bars in yellow, orange, and blue, followed by the text "Maine Community Foundation". To the right of the logo are three buttons: "Apply" (orange), "Log In" (yellow), and "Give Now" (dark blue). Below the logo is a dark teal navigation bar with white text for "ABOUT US", "INITIATIVES & IMPACT", "SUPPORT/START A FUND", "GRANTS", "SCHOLARSHIPS", "ADVISORS & ATTORNEYS", and "PLANNED GIVING", along with a search icon. Below the navigation bar are two orange arrow-shaped buttons: "Scholarships" and "Available Scholarships". A large orange box contains the text: "Using Artificial Intelligence for your application: Your scholarship application answers should be personal, unique, and creative. While AI can be helpful when learning a language, or to assist you in revision and proofreading, it should not be used as a copy-and-paste shortcut to complete your application. We encourage you to use your own thoughts for idea generation and essay writing. Be sure your responses are authentic and written in your own voice. We want to get to know you!". Below this are two columns of lists. The left column has "Scholarships by Type" and "Scholarships by Region". The right column has "Special Scholarships" and three buttons: "Apply Online!", "Upcoming Scholarship Workshops", and "Financial Release Form".

Maine Community Foundation

Apply Log In Give Now

ABOUT US INITIATIVES & IMPACT SUPPORT/START A FUND GRANTS SCHOLARSHIPS ADVISORS & ATTORNEYS PLANNED GIVING

Scholarships Available Scholarships

Using Artificial Intelligence for your application:

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Scholarships by Type

- For Adult Learners
- Aspirational, Non-traditional, & Camp
- Graduate Education
- Private High School

Scholarships by Region

- Available Statewide
- Androscoggin County
- Aroostook County
- Cumberland County
- Franklin County
- Hancock County
- Kennebec County
- Knox County
- Lincoln County
- Oxford County
- Penobscot County
- Piscataquis County
- Sagadahoc County

Special Scholarships

- David Moses Bridges Scholarship
- Guy P. Gannett Journalism Scholarship
- Keepers Preservation Education Fund
- Maine Policy Scholars
- Parsons Family Scholarship for LGBTQ+ Youth and Allies

Apply Online!

Upcoming Scholarship Workshops

Financial Release Form



Maine Community Foundation



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Community Foundation

Welcome to Maine Community Foundation's
Online Grant and Scholarship Portal!

If this is your first time logging into our new portal, you will need to create a new account.

Login

[Forgot your password?](#)

Trouble logging in?

Remember to add **.mainecf** after your email in the Username field

For help, contact us at applicationportal@mainecf.org

[Click Here to Create a New Account](#)

[Login here to download previous grant applications](#)

- Be sure you are on the **scholarship portal**, not the grant portal
- When logging in, you must add **.mainecf** to the username
- Use a **personal email**, especially if you are an applicant rather than a recommender.



All email communications regarding submitted Applications will come from scholarships@mainecf.org, so please add this address to your contacts as an accepted sender.

 In Progress Applications (0) 			
APPLICATION DATE	SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM	APPLICANT NAME	STATUS
No data returned			

Important Scholarship Information

[In-Person Workshops](#)

[Virtual Office Hours](#)

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.

Our awards are based on many factors including academic performance, financial need, involvement in extracurricular activities, and work experience.

MaineCF encourages all students seeking post-secondary, graduate, or aspirational educational goals to apply for our scholarships.

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. If applicants are having difficulty obtaining any of these documents, please contact our scholarships team for assistance at scholarships@mainecf.org.

Questions? Please contact scholarships@mainecf.org



Apply by: May 1, 2026

Guy P. Gannett Scholarship Fund

to provide renewable support for graduates of Maine high schools or students who have graduated from a college or university in Maine majoring in journalism or a field reasonably related, including all forms of print, radio, television, or broadcast or electronic media

View to Apply

You may also be eligible for these scholarship programs

External Site

BCA Scholarship Fund

to support a graduating senior who is either a direct descendant (children, grandchildren, etc.) of a Bridgewater Classical Academy alumnus or who has been a resident of Bridgewater for at least the two previous years in their pursuit of post-secondary education

Learn More

External Site

- I understand that an electronic signature has the same legal effect and can be enforced in the same way as a written signature.

By checking this box and typing my name below, I am electronically signing my application and agreeing to the terms above.

Once you press "Submit" below, your application status will update to "Submitted". However, you will still be able to edit your application until the deadline.

If required fields have been left blank, they will be highlighted for you in red to complete. In this case, we recommend you delete your signature, SAVE THE APPLICATION, reopen the application, and complete the blank fields before submitting.

Please sign by entering your full name below:

Save Application

External Site

Samuel J. Nam Veterans Scholarship Fund

to provide support to Maine veterans of the US Armed Services who served in the US Armed Services during World War II or later. As a second priority, the scholarship may be awarded to the children of veterans of the US Armed Services.

View to Apply

NEW

Ella R. Ifill Fund

to support members of the International Order of the Rainbow Girls in Maine pursuing post-secondary education

Learn More

External Site

MaineCF Scholarship Eligibility

* In what City do you currently live?

Brooks (Waldo)

* In what County do you currently live?

Waldo

* Which Maine county did you live in when you graduated high school?

Waldo

Do you live on a Maine island year-round?

* Are you a graduating High School Senior?

No

* Which High School or GED program did or will you graduate? ⓘ

Mt. View High School

My school isn't listed

***To be defined as an Adult Learner, you must meet ONLY ONE of the following criteria:**

- be over the age of 25
- or work full time (35 hours/week or more) while enrolled
- or have dependents other than a spouse or be financially independent from parents and/or considered independent for FAFSA purposes
- or have not received a standard high school diploma (completed with a GED, HiSET, or certificate of completion)
- or have delayed enrollment in college after high school for a reason other than a gap-year activity.

* Are you an Adult Learner*?

Yes

*** Please select all that apply:**

- over the age of 25
- work full time (35 hours/week or more) while enrolled
- have dependents other than a spouse or be financially independent from parents and/or considered independent for FAFSA purposes
- have not received a standard high school diploma (completed with a GED, HiSET, or certificate of completion)
- have delayed enrollment in college after high school for a reason other than a gap-year activity

* What year of study will you be in during the next academic year?

University/College Attending 3rd ⓘ

± Update Eligibility

🔍 View Eli

Eligibility Information

City ⓘ

Brooks (Waldo)

County ⓘ

Waldo

County When Graduating HS ⓘ

Waldo

Personal Information

Gender ⓘ

Female

First Generation College Student

Yes

Adult Learner ⓘ

Yes

Adult Learner Criteria

over the age of 25

High School Information

Graduating High School Senior ⓘ

No

Graduating High School ⓘ

Mt. View High School

Other School ⓘ

University/College Information

College Level - Upcoming Fall ⓘ

College Junior

Enrollment ⓘ

Full-time

Pursuing Program Type ⓘ

2 Year Community College



Hagan Scholarship Foundation

Value of the Hagan International Scholarship

1. \$2,000 to purchase essential items for college.
 2. \$15,000/year (and continues in Grad school)
 3. Third year 3.5 GPA recipients are eligible for an all-expense paid study and travel abroad experience worth up to \$8,000.
- Opens September 1, 2025.
 - Deadline is December 1, 2025.

<https://HaganScholarships.org>

Two letters of recommendation AND

Personal essay describing the following and in the following order:

- his or her interests, extracurricular activities, work experience,
- personal and family circumstance,
- reasons for wanting to attend college and
- Personal aspirations.

The essay must be written by applicant in a simple and direct manner, on 8 1/2 "X 11" paper, one side only and must not exceed 2 pages in length using a single spaced 12 font typeface.

Be specific this is your opportunity to tell us about yourself and show how well you can write.



It's Never Too Early ...



Sign up to host a blood drive while school is out of session during one of the program time frames.

- Summer: Memorial Day - Labor Day
- Winter: December 15 - January 15

Program Rewards

The scholarship drawing and gift card amount will be based on the number of pints collected at your blood drive.*

Scholarship Drawings:

Summer Program Scholarships

- 25-59 pints: \$1,000 (six winners)
- 60-99 pints: \$1,500 (two winners)
- 100+ pints: \$2,500 (two winners)

Winter Program Scholarships

- 25-59 pints: \$1,000 (four winners)
- 60-99 pints: \$1,500 (one winner)
- 100+ pints: \$2,500 (one winner)

Gift Cards:

Gift Card Amount*

- 25-59 pints: \$ 100
- 60-99 pints: \$ 250
- 100 pints: \$ 500

Voice of Democracy

Open to grades 9-12

Established in 1947, our **Voice of Democracy**[®] audio-essay program provides high school students with the unique opportunity to express themselves in regards to a democratic and patriotic-themed recorded essay. Each year, more than 26,400 ninth through 12th grade students from across the country enter to win their share of more than \$1.4 million in educational scholarships and incentives awarded through the program.

The national first place winner receives a \$35,000 scholarship paid directly to the recipient's American university, college or vocational/technical school. A complete list of other national scholarships range from \$1,000-\$21,000, and the first place winner from each VFW Department (state) wins at least a scholarship of \$1,000. Students interested in participating must submit their audio essay prepared on this year's theme, with a [completed 2025-2026 entry form](#), to their local participating VFW Post. Find your sponsoring [local VFW Post](#) as essays must be turned in by **midnight, Oct. 31**.

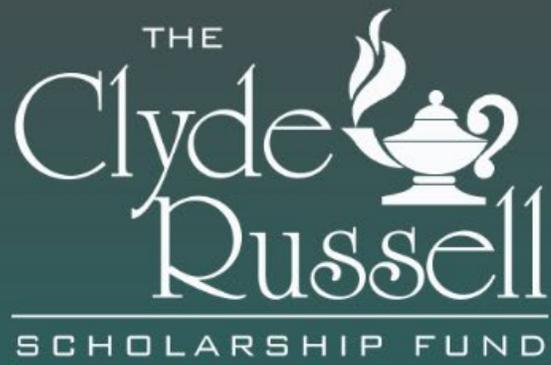
The 2025-26 theme is:

"How Are You Showing Patriotism and Support for Our Country?"

<https://www.vfw.org/community/youth-and-education/youth-scholarships>



Letters of Recommendation



Graduating High School Seniors Attending a 4-Year College

Graduating High School Seniors Attending a Maine Community College

Opens: October 1st

Deadline: February 1st

INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED FOR SELECTION.

Please provide all the following as part of your application and follow directions carefully:

1. A letter of intent, explaining your goals and objectives.
2. A letter of recommendation from a person with first-hand knowledge of your **academic ability and achievement***.
3. A letter of recommendation from a person with first-hand knowledge regarding your **community activities***.
4. A letter of recommendation from a person with first-hand knowledge regarding your **extracurricular activities***.
5. A letter of recommendation from a person with first-hand knowledge regarding your **personal traits and qualities***.
6. A copy of your high school transcript, including any available exam scores.

Each of the four letters of recommendation must identify the following:

Write the category of recommendation at the top right corner of each letter, as it applies (*see above for the four categories listed in bold and underlined typeface); and,

The contact information and relationship of the person writing the letter for the applicant. Letters of recommendation must come from sources other than the applicant's family or schoolmate.

- ✓ Give your recommender 2 weeks to get back to you
- ✓ Give them a copy of your resume
- ✓ Ask them to address it generically and save to PDF so you can use multiple times

<https://clyderussellscholarshipfund.org/>



- Most scholarships between January – March
- Scholarship applying is a YEAR-ROUND thing
- Legit sites?

https://www.okcollegestart.org/Financial_Aid_Planning/Scholarships/Scholarship_Links.aspx

When do I apply for scholarships?



November

Scholarship	Award Amount	Deadline
Utopia Management Scholarship	\$1,000	11/1/2025
Waggle Human-Pet Bond Scholarship	\$1,000	11/1/2025
Young Writers Awards	\$250, \$500, \$1,000	11/1/2025
Stephen J. Brady Stop Hunger Scholarships	\$10,000 scholarship & \$5,000 grant	11/5/2025
Regeneron Science Talent Search	\$2,000 to \$250,000	11/6/2026
10 Words or Less Scholarship	\$1,000	11/15/2025
Jack Kent Cooke Foundation Scholarships	Up to \$55,000	11/15/2025
James Alan Cox Photography Scholarships	\$2,500	11/15/2025
National Space Club Keynote Scholarship	\$20,000	11/17/2025
Maryknoll Essay Contest	\$150-\$1,000	11/17/2025
National Honor Society (NHS) Scholarship	\$25,000 (1); \$5,625 (24); \$3,200 (575)	11/24/2025
ServiceScope Scholarship	\$1,000	11/29/2025
Education Matters Scholarship	\$5,000	11/20/2025
National Association for Campus Activities Undergraduate Scholarships	Varies	11/30/2025

December

The screenshot shows the FAME website interface. At the top left is the FAME logo. To the right are search, login, and sign up buttons. The main header features the text "Scholarship Search" and a sub-header "Find hand-picked, quality scholarships to help pay for school. Read our promise to you." with a link icon. A decorative graphic of a graduation cap on a jar of money is on the right. Below the header is a search results section. On the left is a "Refine by:" sidebar with filters for MONTH, EDUCATION, ELIGIBILITY, REQUIREMENTS, and AMOUNT. The main results area shows two entries: "Newland and Newland Single Parent Scholarship" with a \$1,000 amount and a "Closing today" badge, and "Aldi Scholarship and Emergency Aid Program" with a \$1,000 amount and a "Closing in 1 day" badge. On the right is a "MORE RESOURCES" section with a "Find More Scholarships" link and a "LEARN" section with an icon of a graduation cap and books.

FAME

Scholarship Search

Find hand-picked, quality scholarships to help pay for school. [Read our promise to you.](#)

Refine by:

- MONTH
- EDUCATION
- ELIGIBILITY
- REQUIREMENTS
- AMOUNT

Scholarship results

Search...

Newland and Newland Single Parent Scholarship Deadline: Today

Newland and Newland, LLP

\$1,000

Required GPA: 2.0
Application Requirements: **Essay(s), Transcript(s)**

Aldi Scholarship and Emergency Aid Program Deadline: Jul 17

Aldi Inc. and United Negro College Fund (UNCF)

\$1,000

Required GPA: 2.4

MORE RESOURCES

Find additional scholarships with the help of Finance Authority of Maine.

LEARN

<https://fame.igrad.com/scholarships>





Essay Help

- ❑ Stand out and be personal!
 - ❑ Make bullets of things you want to mention, then expand on those ideas
 - ❑ Think about any obstacles, unique skills, or life experiences as they relate to the prompt
- ❑ Grab your readers attention in the opening paragraph
- ❑ Refer to the prompt frequently
- ❑ Plan ahead!
 - ❑ Give yourself as much time as possible to review and edit
 - ❑ Be mindful of deadlines



SCHOLARSHIPS FOR
MAINE IMMIGRANTS

Essay: Tell us about yourself (where you're from, how long you have been in the US, your educational background, what you did in your native country, and anything else you would like us to know about you).

<https://SMIscholarships.org>

Deadline: Must be submitted 2 weeks before your course starts

Essay Help

The \$1,000 College JumpStart Love of Learning Scholarship offers you time to share an idea or subject that you are passionate about

Personal Statement

Please answer ONE of the following questions in 250 words or less.

- (1) What is the idea or subject about which you are the most passionate and why? -OR-
- (2) Write about the topic of your choice

**Your personal statement will be judged on its content not your writing style.
Please focus on the substance of your answer**

Deadline: December 31, 2025

Eligibility:

- Current student (high school 10th-12th or college) OR planning to enter college within the next 12 months
- U.S. citizen or legal resident
- Financial need is not considered nor are grades or test scores

- Use your squad:
 - tutoring center
 - Teachers
 - school counselors
 - Mentors
 - Give yourself some buffer time to others to review

- Use AI as a STARTING POINT ONLY

- Reuse your essays!

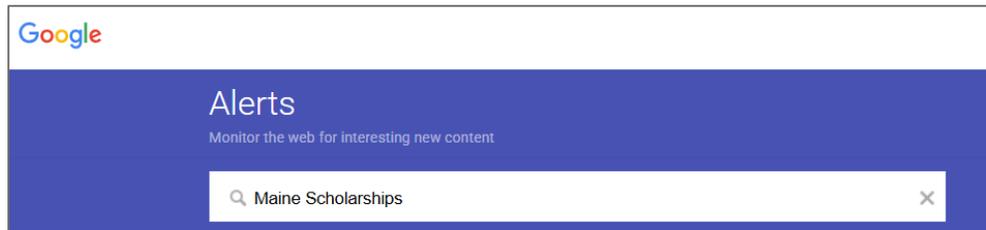
<https://www.jumpstart-scholarship.net/application-love-of-learning-scholarship>



Set a Google Alert

How to create an alert

1. Log into your Google account
2. Go to www.google.com/alerts
3. In the box at the top, enter a topic you want to follow. **(Maine Scholarships)**
4. To change your settings, click **Show options**. You can change:
 1. How often you get notifications
 2. The types of sites you'll see
 3. Your language
 4. The part of the world you want info from
 5. How many results you want to see
 6. What accounts get the alert
5. Click **Create Alert**. You'll get emails whenever we find matching search results.



QUALIFICATIONS

- Reside (Home of Residence) in one of the following counties in the state of Maine:
 - Androscoggin
 - Aroostook
 - Franklin
 - Oxford
 - Penobscot
- Accepted to or currently enrolled in a 4-year program at an accredited university in Maine majoring in one of the following Engineering degree programs:
 - Mechanical Engineering
 - Electrical Engineering
 - Power Engineering
- Accepted to or currently enrolled in a 2-year degree program or certification program at a college within the Maine Community College System (KVCC, NMCC, SMCC, WCCC, CMCC, EMCC, YCCC) in one of the following Skilled Trades programs:
 - Mechanical
 - Electrical / Instrumentation
 - Power Engineering / High Pressure Boiler Operations

<https://careers.jdirving.com/#en/sites/Careers/job/2988?mode=location>



What's unique about you?

Google “something that is unique to you” + “Scholarship”



OUT Maine Scholarship Fund

Questions? Email scholarship@outmaine.org.

Application Period 2025

- Application (including essay) due April 1st, 2025.
- Student Aid Report and Financial Aid Award Letter copies due May 1st, 2025 (or as soon as available, whichever is sooner).

FAME Assistance for FAFSA

Go to <https://www.famemaine.com/events/categories/education/fafsa/> for help with submitting your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at no cost to you!

Purpose of the Scholarship Fund

The OUT Maine Scholarship Fund provides **renewable** support for Maine LGBTQ+ youth pursuing post-secondary education at an accredited, not-for-profit, non-sectarian college, university, or technical/vocational college in the United States. Applicants must demonstrate a financial need.

Scholarships are varied in size from **\$1,000 to \$25,000 annually**, depending on a student's financial need and application. The applicant may be asked to meet with a representative of OUT Maine to discuss the application.

2 scholarships for people with bipolar disorder or manic depression

1. The Center for Reintegration Scholarship

This scholarship is explicitly for students who are being treated for or involved in rehabilitative efforts for their bipolar disorder or schizoaffective disorder. It is available to both part-time and full-time students in an undergraduate or graduate program, regardless of their course of study.

2. The Jared Monroe Foundation Scholarship

This scholarship provides up to \$2,300 to high school seniors and full-time college students who have been diagnosed and are currently receiving treatment for bipolar disorder.

3 scholarships for people with post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD)

1. The John Lepping Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship provides up to \$5,000 to US citizens residing in New York, New Jersey, or Pennsylvania. The scholarship is available to anyone who has experienced a physical or mental disability, including spinal cord injuries, loss of a limb, or PTSD.

<https://lendedu.com/blog/mental-health-scholarships/>

<https://www.outmaine.org/programs/for-youth/scholarship-fund>

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About Educators for Maine

The Educators for Maine Program is a competitive, merit-based, **forgivable loan** for Maine students enrolling in or pursuing undergraduate or graduate education degrees. Applicants must demonstrate an interest in careers in education or child care and are planning to work in Maine after graduation.

How Do I Apply?

Applications are available online in February of each year. Applications for the 2025-2026 academic year are no longer being accepted.

Who Is Eligible?

- Students must be Maine residents.
- Students must be graduating high school seniors, undergraduate, or graduate students accepted into postsecondary degree programs.
- Students must have a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.
- Undergraduate students must be enrolled full time in an accredited U.S. college or university. Graduate students must be enrolled at least half time in an accredited U.S. college or university.
- Students must be pursuing initial certification as a teacher, including speech pathologist, or the attainment child care provider qualifications. An individual who has already obtained certification is not eligible for this program.

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RECIPIENTS MUST:

- ✓ Be a Maine resident entering 1st year of post-secondary education
- ✓ Intend to enroll or be enrolled in a two (2) or four (4) year degree-granting college or university, which is accredited by the Association of Schools and Colleges
- ✓ Show a strong desire to complete degree program

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The Richard H. Pierce Memorial Scholarship

Scholarship Details

- i A \$5,000 scholarship per student per year will be awarded
- i Scholarships will be renewable for up to 4 years (depending on the grade level of the student)
- i A total of 10 scholarships will be awarded to eligible students in 2023
- i Online application will be available January 1st - April 1st

<https://mesfoundation.org/scholarships.html>



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