

Maine Policy Scholars Program Application

The policy scholar selected at the University of Maine will undertake a research project involving some aspect of Maine public policy during the 2014-2015 academic year. The scholar will develop a policy memo spelling out the roots of the problem, research on the problem, and a recommended course of action. Scholars from the University of Maine System campuses will meet to discuss their research in progress several times and will convene in the spring of 2015 to present the results of their research. The program also includes an all-expenses paid trip to Washington D.C., facilitated by Sen. Angus King. Six hours of academic credit are awarded under the program. A stipend of \$1,500 is also provided in the form of a tuition grant, along with up to \$1,000 for travel and other expenses related to the research project.

The Maine Policy Scholars program is competitive, and is available to all students who will be University of Maine juniors or seniors in the 2014-2015 academic year. Applications are due **February 13 at 4:00 p.m.**

Name _____ Student I.D. # _____

Local Address _____

Local Telephone Number _____ E-mail _____

Permanent/Home Address _____

Permanent/Home Telephone Number _____

Major _____ G.P.A. _____

Faculty Adviser _____

One professor who could be contacted about your abilities

Have you ever held an internship or engaged in independent research? If so, please describe: _____

Awards or scholarships received: _____

(over, please)

Please answer the following questions in about two pages (total). Your response should be attached to this application.

- A) What policy do you want to investigate? Who do you think would be worth interviewing to discover more about this area of public policy? Please explain why you think this topic is interesting or important.

- B) What jobs or experiences (including courses taken) indicate that you have research and writing skills, can work well on a long-term project, and are interested in contributing to a better understanding of public policy?

Applications must be received by 4:00 p.m., Thursday, February 13. Please submit to the Political Science department office, 229 North Stevens Hall, or electronically to amy.fried@umit.maine.edu.

If you have any questions, contact Amy Fried, Professor of Political Science, on First Class or 1-1797.