



THE UNIVERSITY OF
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Searching For Scholarships

*You may be eligible for scholarships based on financial need, academic merit, talent or other criteria –
we can help you get started in your search!*

University of Maine Scholarships

All undergraduates pursuing their first bachelor's degree who meet our March 1 priority filing deadline are automatically considered for UMaine need-based scholarships. If you qualify for any of these scholarships, they will appear as part of your Financial Aid package on MaineStreet. Initially these scholarships will be awarded from a general fund under the name "University Grant" but will eventually be replaced with the name of the specific scholarship fund.

Some UMaine academic departments and colleges also have scholarship funds to award to students enrolled in their degree programs. Please check your department or college website for any additional information on specific scholarships.

University of Maine Selective Scholarships

A listing of selective scholarships is available on the Office of Student Financial Aid's website, located at umaine.edu/stuaid. We invite eligible UMaine students to complete the Selective Scholarship Application, available for download on our website, for each scholarship for which they may qualify. The deadline for priority consideration for all selective scholarships is May 15. Most of these scholarships fall into one of several categories including:

- Residents of a town, county or state
- Descendants of University alumni
- Graduates of a specific high school
- Children of union members or of company employees
- Descendants of a particular family

Some scholarships require certification, such as obtaining the signature and seal of the town clerk. In most cases, applicants must first apply for financial aid (by filing the FAFSA) to be considered for a selective scholarship. Applicants who still meet eligibility requirements are automatically reconsidered for selective scholarships each year.

Office of Student Financial Aid

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Additional Resources

FirstClass

Scholarships are available from agencies and organizations other than The University of Maine, and many of them send flyers and applications to our office. We post this information on FirstClass (under Campus Connection, University Organizations, Office of Financial Aid).

Finance Authority of Maine

An additional resource of particular interest to Maine residents is the Finance Authority of Maine (FAME). This non-profit organization provides educational resources including a scholarship search located on their website, famemaine.com.

Higher Education Department

For out-of-state students, we recommend contacting the higher education department in your home state for any state-specific scholarships that may be available. You can search online using the phrase “(your state) higher education scholarships” for state-specific scholarships.

Community Organizations

Many community organizations such as the Rotary, Kiwanis, American Legion and other groups provide funds for local students. Clubs, unions, fraternal organizations, professional associations and even church membership offices may all be sources of private scholarships or loan funding.

Employers

Many employers have scholarships for dependents of their employees. Check to see if your employer offers scholarship programs for yourself, your spouse or your dependents.

Armed Forces

If you are a member of the Armed Forces, or a dependent or spouse of one, you may be eligible for benefits through programs offered by the specific branch which you are affiliated with. Talk with the Veteran's Affairs Office, the campus ROTC office or with Armed Forces recruitment officers.

High School Guidance Office

High school seniors should work closely with their high school guidance office for information on local scholarships. Once enrolled in college, you may still find a local high school guidance office helpful in securing information on community loan and scholarship programs. Some high schools even have endowment funds which are available only to their alumni.

Free Online Searches

We DO NOT recommend that you pay for any scholarship search. Research all scholarship search organizations carefully. Listed below are several reliable scholarship searches that are available online. All of these searches are available free of charge.

FinAid (www.finaid.org) • Maine Community Foundation (www.mainecef.org)

FastWeb (www.fastweb.com) • College Board Fund Finder (www.collegeboard.com)

Finance Authority of Maine (www.famemaine.com) • Sallie Mae (www.salliemae.com)