

The Guidelines for the Administration of CMP SCHOLARSHIP FUND

History

The CMP Scholarship Fund is intended to add educational incentive to dependents* of current Central Maine Power employees or retirees. CMP supports an education/business partnership to raise, improve, and expand the aspirations of Maine's young people.

Eligibility

The Maine Community Foundation administers the fund and will select the recipients based on the criteria described below.

Applicants must:

- be dependents of current CMP employees or retirees
- be high school seniors graduating from a Maine secondary/high school
- reside within Central Maine Power Company's service area, and
- enroll in a post-secondary educational program (including technical and certificate programs)

Criteria

The following criteria will be considered equally in evaluating applicants:

1. Personal aspirations
2. Academic achievement
3. Financial need
4. Contribution to school and involvement in community activities

Awards

The CMP Scholarship Fund will award up to \$10,000 annually to high school seniors who are dependents of CMP employees or retirees. Three or more awards will be made annually and will range from \$1,000 to \$5,000, with the average award being \$2,500. Awards will be made for one year only and will not be renewable.

Administration:

All applications and required information sent separately must be postmarked by May 1. Incomplete applications or those postmarked after this date will not be processed. All information received from applicants will be treated as confidential.

All applications and required information sent separately must be postmarked by May 1 and sent to:

CMP Scholarship Fund
Maine Community Foundation
245 Main Street
Ellsworth, ME 04605
Tel: 207-667-9735
www.mainecef.org

*Dependents are defined as children depending upon a CMP employee or retiree for support.

CMP SCHOLARSHIP FUND APPLICATION

In January 1995, the John W. Rowe Scholarship Fund was revised and renamed “The CMP Scholarship Fund.” Applicants must be: dependents of employees or retirees of CMP; high school seniors graduating from a Maine secondary school; reside within Central Maine Power Company’s service area; and pursuing post-secondary education, including technical and certificate programs. Scholarships will be granted on the basis of personal aspirations, academic achievement, financial need, and the student’s contribution to school or community activities.

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Name: _____

Address:

Street address or P.O. number _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip code: _____

Phone: _____ Cell: _____ E-mail: _____

Name of CMP employee or retiree: _____

Employee/Retiree Department & Location: _____

High School: _____

Street address or P.O. number _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip code: _____

Contact: _____ Phone: _____

Post-secondary school for which aid is requested: _____

Program: _____

Please complete the following sections in the spaces provided even if you are including your resume. Please print clearly.

School Activities:

Activity	Your Role	# of Years
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Community Activities:

Activity	Your Role	# of Years
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Do you work during the school year?

____ Yes (# of hours _____ location _____) _____ No

Summer Employment History

Position held	Period of Employment	Hours per week
_____	_____ to _____	_____
_____	_____ to _____	_____

Personal Statement:

In a typed, personal statement of 500 words or less, describe your aspirations and how your educational plans relate to them. Also, please note any circumstances that you feel make you particularly eligible for a CMP Scholarship. This is a critical component of your application. Please submit a thoughtful statement.

Recommendation Letter:

The CMP Scholarship *celebrates* personal aspirations, academic achievement and demonstrated dedication to your school and community. Please ask a representative of your school (i.e. teacher, guidance counselor, coach) to submit a letter in support of your application that is specific to the eligibility criteria. The letter must be current (dated after September 1, 2011), on official letterhead, contain your first and last name, and be signed by the writer, who must identify his/her relationship to you (not a family member). Email letters are not acceptable.

Required Information: (do not staple, please)

Please submit the information requested below printed on one side only (not front and back).

- This completed Application Form.
- Your most recent high school transcript. A printout from the internet is not acceptable. We prefer you include your transcript with your application.
- Your complete Federal Student Aid Report (SAR), which must include your expected family contribution (EFC) and your family’s adjusted gross income (AG). Do not send the FAFSA.
- Personal Statement in business letter format.
- Letter of Recommendation as outlined above
- A copy of your college financial aid offer

It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that all of the required items are submitted on or before the application deadline. Incomplete applications or those postmarked after May 1 will not be processed. All information received from applicants will be held in confidence.

I certify that I am a legal resident of Maine and that all the information on this form is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that I may be asked to provide proof of the information stated on the form, including a copy of my prior year’s US Income Tax Return. In addition, I hereby authorize the college I will attend in the ____ - ____ school year to release information on financial aid awarded to me by the college and other sources to the Maine Community Foundation.

Signature of Applicant

Date: _____

Signature of Parent or Guardian

Date: _____

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Maine Community Foundation
245 Main Street
Ellsworth, ME 04605

Family Information

Parent's current marital status: single married separated divorced widowed

Who is responsible for your support? mother father both other _____

Who do you live with? mother father both other _____

Number in household, including parents: _____

Total number of family members who will be attending college during the next academic year: _____

Funds available for your next year of college	
Family Contribution	\$
Personal Savings/Earnings	\$
Scholarships Awarded	\$
Current-year Loans	\$
Other (please explain)	\$
TOTAL	\$
Outstanding student loans: No. _____ Total \$ _____	

Please submit a copy of your college financial aid offer (returning students may submit prior year letter) with this application.

College Budget (Cost of Attendance)

Please complete the cost of attendance at your first choice college below. This information is available in college publications, on the web or from the financial aid office. Please provide current-year numbers.

College Budget for _____ (first choice college)	
Tuition and Fees	\$
Room and Board	\$
Books and Materials	\$
Transportation	\$
Personal and other Expenses	\$
TOTAL COST OF ATTENDANCE	\$
Unusual Expenses (i.e. childcare/medical)	\$

Please explain any special circumstances on a separate sheet.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION RELEASE FORM

**** PLEASE FILL OUT AND MAIL THIS FORM TO YOUR **
COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY FINANCIAL AID OFFICE,
NOT TO MAINE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION**

ATTENTION: Financial Aid Officer

The student named below is applying to the Maine Community Foundation for a scholarship and requires your assistance in providing need-based information. Please keep this signed statement in the student's file for reference if you receive an inquiry from our Scholarship Coordinator regarding the student's financial aid award.

TO THE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANT:

I authorize release of financial aid award information to:

**Maine Community Foundation
Scholarship Coordinator
245 Main Street
Ellsworth, ME 04605-1613
Tel: 207-667-9735 or toll free 877-700-6800
Fax: 207-667-0447
E-mail: info@mainecf.org Web: www.mainecf.org**

College/University _____

Name of Student: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Student's Signature: _____

Date: _____

REMINDER: DO NOT mail this form to Maine Community Foundation