

Downeast Scholarship Fund

The Downeast Scholarship Fund, a collaboration of the Boston Foundation and the Maine Community Foundation, has made a 10-year commitment to support students who are prepared for the challenge of furthering their education beyond high school by awarding renewable scholarships that will meet a major portion of their financial need. During the early stages of the fund, there will be a minimum of 10 new scholarships awarded annually.

Eligible students are graduating seniors at high schools in Washington County and Sumner Memorial High School in Sullivan pursuing post-secondary education in a degree program at the University of Maine at Orono, University of Maine at Machias, Maine Maritime Academy, or Washington County Community College. Applicants must be enrolled full-time (minimum of 12 credits per semester). Recipients who successfully complete a two-year degree program at WCCC and plan to pursue an undergraduate degree at UMO, UMM or Maine Maritime and meet all other requirements of the scholarship may apply for renewal consideration.

Selection will be based on:

- demonstrated ability to set and achieve goals
- academic potential to succeed in college (cumulative high school GPA of 2.5)
- personal initiative as evidenced by the quality of extracurricular activities, work experience and/or community involvement
- financial need

Eligible high schools are

- Calais Middle/High School
- East Grand School
- Jonesport-Beals High School
- Lubec Consolidated School
- Machias Memorial High School
- Narraguagus High School
- Shead High School
- Sumner Memorial High School
- Washington Academy
- Woodland Jr-Sr High School
- Students attending Hancock County Technical Center, St. Croix Regional Technical Center and Coastal Washington County Institute of Technology are eligible if they graduate from one of the high schools above or from their technical school.

Application Deadline: April 15

All applications and required information sent separately must be postmarked by April 15. Incomplete applications or those postmarked after this date will not be processed.

Name: _____

Mailing address:

Street address and/or P.O. number _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip code: _____

Phone: _____ Cell: _____ E-mail: _____

High School: _____ **Date graduated:** _____

Street address or P.O. number _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip code: _____

Phone: _____

Post-secondary school for which aid is requested (please check one):

University of Maine at Orono _____ University of Maine at Machias _____

Maine Maritime Academy _____ Washington County Community College _____

Anticipated major: _____ Degree program: _____

Are you a first-generation college student? _____ Yes _____ No

Community Service (school and community):

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

Do you work during the school year?

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

Summer Employment History (full or part-time)

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

FAFSA Filed on: _____ **Estimated Family Contribution:** _____

You must file a FAFSA by March 1 to be considered for this award.

Personal Statement: Please tell us why you decided to attend your chosen college, how you have prepared for this next step during your high school years and why you feel you meet the eligibility criteria of the Downeast Scholarship. The committee is looking for a simple and sincere response in business letter format that is typed and does not exceed two pages.

Letter of Recommendation: Please submit your college recommendation letter from a guidance counselor or teacher at your school. The letter must be current (dated after September 1, 2009), 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). E-mail 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
- Personal statement, as outlined above
- Letter of recommendation, as outlined above
- Copy of your most recent high school transcript. A printout from the internet is not acceptable. We prefer that you include your transcript with your application.
- Copy of 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
- 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 April 15 will not be processed. All information received from applicants will be held in confidence.

I certify that I am a legal resident of Washington County, Maine, and that all information on this form is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I give my permission for any person listed on this application to be contacted for more information. I understand that I may be asked to provide proof of information stated on this form, including a copy of my parents' and/or my prior year's U.S. Income Tax return. In addition, I hereby authorize the college I will attend in the 20__ - __ 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: _____

All applications and required information sent separately must be postmarked by April 15 and sent to:

Downeast Scholarship Fund
Maine Community Foundation
245 Main Street
Ellsworth, ME 04605
phone: (207) 667-9735 ~ toll free 877-700-6800

Family Information

Parents' 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 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 _____	
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.

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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.