



M. ALTON FRENCH SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Guidelines

History:

Mr. M. Alton French was a lifelong Camden businessman who believed strongly in community, youth and education. His life was a testimony to these beliefs as he contributed generously to many civic causes with his time, talents and financial support. These convictions were truly carried out in his bequest for the establishment of the M. Alton French Scholarship Fund.

Purpose:

The purpose of the Fund is to assist deserving young people who are residents of the Town of Lincolnville, the Town of Camden, or towns in proximity to Lincolnville and Camden (in that order of priority) in obtaining a college or university education or other post-secondary course of study that is determined to be the equivalent of a college or university education.

Towns defined as “in proximity to Lincolnville and Camden” are Hope, Appleton, Rockport, Northport, and Islesboro.

Awards:

Awards will be made on the basis of financial need, record of scholarship and promise of leadership.

The award money may be used for tuition, room and board, books, lab fees and equipment. However, the recipient must report award monies used for expenses other than tuition, books and supplies as taxable income. It will be the responsibility of the recipient to report and pay any tax liability.

Administration:

All applications and required information sent separately must be postmarked by June 1. Incomplete applications or those postmarked after this date will not be processed. All information received from applicants will be treated as confidential. Please reserve the last Saturday in June for a personal interview (required for first-time applicants). You will be contacted by MaineCF staff to schedule an appointment.

Each award will be mailed to the school in December. Checks will be made payable jointly to the student and the school and applied to the second semester expenses.

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

M. Alton French Scholarship Fund
Maine Community Foundation
245 Main Street
Ellsworth, ME 04605
Phone: 1-877-700-6800
www.mainecef.org

M. Alton French Scholarship Fund Application

All applications and required information sent separately must be postmarked by June 1. Incomplete applications or those postmarked after this date will not be processed.

Name: _____

Post-secondary school for which aid is requested: _____

Upcoming year in school (circle): College Undergraduate 1 2 3 4 Graduate 5 6 7 8

Mailing address at home:

Street address or P.O. number _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip code: _____ County: _____

Phone: _____ Cell: _____ E-mail: _____

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

Street address or P.O. number _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip code: _____

Guidance Counselor: _____ Phone: _____

College: _____

College major: _____ College minor: _____

Name of academic advisor: _____ Dept. _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Your Mailing address at college (if applicable):

Street address or P.O. number: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip code: _____

Cell: _____ E-mail: _____

List of School and Community Activities (attach additional sheet if necessary)

Activity	Number of years participating	Special honors, offices
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

List of Summer or Part-time Employment:

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

Personal Statement: Please tell us about yourself and why you have chosen the school you hope to attend, your interest in your major field of study and why you need financial aid (500 words or less).

Letters of Recommendation: Please submit two letters of recommendation, one of which is from a current teacher (high school or college), detailing your accomplishments. The letters must be current (dated after January 1, 2012), 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). *Remember, all applications and required information sent separately must be postmarked by June 1. Incomplete applications or those postmarked after this date will not be processed.*

- This completed Application Form
- Your official college transcript from the fall semester - a printout from the internet is not acceptable. We prefer that 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.
- A typed, personal statement in essay or business letter format
- Your resume
- Two letters of recommendation as outlined above
- A copy of your college financial aid offer (returning students may submit prior year letter)

I certify that I am a legal resident of the State of Maine and that all 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 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 ____ - ____ school year to release information on financial aid awarded to me by the college and other sources to the Maine Community Foundation.

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____

Signature of Applicant: _____

You must send the "Financial Information Release Form" to the school you will be attending.

<p>Please reserve the last Saturday in June for a personal interview (required for first-time applicants)</p>
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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 June 1 will not be processed. All information received from applicants will be held in confidence.

**Renewal applicants please fill out the M. Alton French Application for Scholarship Renewal
(available at www.mainecef.org)**

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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- please enter a number here, do not leave blank	\$
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 MAINECF.