

Maine State Society of Washington, D.C. Foundation Scholarship Application -- 2017

Overview: The Maine State Society of Washington, D.C. Foundation established a merit-based scholarship program in 1990 to recognize Maine students. Each scholarship is in the amount of at least \$1,000, and is awarded to full-time students who have completed at least one year of undergraduate courses at a four-year degree granting, non-profit institution of higher learning in the State of Maine. The school must be considered fully accredited by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation.

NOTE: No first-year college students are eligible for this scholarship, and the funds cannot be applied to graduate school work or community college work.

Deadline: March 15, 2017

Eligibility: To be eligible for consideration, applicants must:

- A. Have been born in or have been a legal resident of the State of Maine for at least four years; or have at least one parent who was born in or has been a legal resident of the State of Maine for at least four years.
- B. Not have reached his/her 25th birthday by June 30 of the application year.
- C. Have completed at least one full academic year and be currently enrolled in a minimum of twelve semester hours -- or the equivalent in quarters/hours/courses -- as a baccalaureate degree candidate, according to the standards of the college/university. The school must be a four-year degree granting, non-profit institution of higher learning in the State of Maine.
- D. Submit a "student's copy" transcript (furnished by the registrar) of all college/university grades in the semesters preceding the application date and showing a grade point average of not less than 3.2, or the equivalent thereof.
- E. Submit a typed composition of up to 750 words in response to **ONE** of the two questions on the current year's application form.
- F. Submit a current resume, limited to 2 pages, including information on coursework, academic honors, awards/scholarships, leadership, work and volunteer experience.
- G. Submit the application and all required documents via e-mail to mssfscholarship@gmail.com no later than midnight ET on March 15 of the application year. Scanned only, NO JPGs or GIFs.
- H. **Optional:** Applicants may submit a sample of work (e.g., prose, poetry, articles, art) to give reviewers a deeper understanding of the applicant.

The Process: The Scholarship Committee shall be appointed by the Foundation's Board of Directors and shall recommend the best candidate(s) based on merit. The number of scholarships awarded shall depend on the quality of the applications submitted and the total funds available. The name(s) of each awardee recommended by the Scholarship Committee will be submitted to the Foundation's Board of Directors for approval.

The Foundation will notify each awardee in writing of his/her selection and the scholarship funds will be sent to that student for use in tuition payments or related school expenses or fees.

If, after an award is made, a student is put on academic probation or fails to attend the institution during the subsequent semester, the student should attempt in good faith to return the scholarship funds to the Foundation.

Students who do not receive funds are allowed to re-apply for the scholarship in subsequent years, but individuals are only eligible to receive one scholarship from this program.

Questions about the scholarship program can be directed to mssfscholarship@gmail.com.

THE MAINE STATE SOCIETY OF WASHINGTON, D.C. FOUNDATION,
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Applicant's Name:

Date and Place of Birth:

Mailing Address & Permanent Address:

Parent/s Names:

Name and address of institution attending:

Phone:

Current total course hours/credits:

Resident of Maine? If yes, for how long?

Email address:

If applicant was not born in or has not permanently resided in Maine, explain parent/s' connection to Maine:

2017 scholarship questions – Please select ONE of two:

1. If selected for this scholarship, how would you give back to the State of Maine?
2. What class or job have you had that has inspired you to pursue your current career goals?

Indicate by (X) that the following are included as part of this application:

- Composition (required)
- Transcript (required)
- Resume (required)
- Work sample (optional)

APPLICANT'S CERTIFICATION OF UNDERSTANDING CONCERNING CURRENT TERM GRADES:

I understand that, if I am selected to receive a scholarship, I must receive satisfactory grades at the end of the preceding term which will qualify me, according to my institution's standards, to enroll in the next term, full-time, and to continue without restrictions (such as academic probation or course load reductions) as a 4-or 5-year undergraduate degree candidate.

Signature (insert signature file or sign and scan):

Date:

Submission: [Email application](mailto:mssfscholarship@gmail.com) and all required materials **no later than midnight ET, March 15, 2017**, to mssfscholarship@gmail.com.

You will receive a confirmation of receipt within 24 hours of submitting your application. If not, please resubmit information and check your spam account.