

## Contact

### Office of Admission

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## Eligibility Requirements

By applying for admission to UMaine, students are automatically considered for merit scholarships that are awarded by the Office of Admission. To be assured full consideration for most **institutional merit-based awards, students must:**

- be a first-time, first-year undergraduate\* and a U.S. citizen or U.S. permanent resident;
- have submitted a complete Admission Application and be accepted for admission;
- **apply as an Early Action candidate (complete application and all required application documents postmarked or submitted by December 15, 2009).** Regular admission candidates will only be considered on a funds available basis. Candidates are encouraged to apply for admission as early as possible if they wish to be considered for merit aid;
- plan to enroll as a full-time student in a minimum 12 credits per semester in an approved undergraduate program at the University of Maine (awards are valid only on the Orono campus of the University of Maine).

*\*with the exception of those being considered for Transfer Scholarships*

# Academic Scholarship Program 2009-2010

## Office of Admission

## Program Description

The University of Maine Academic Scholarship Program is designed to acknowledge, attract, and retain academically talented and diverse students. Scholarships for Maine residents seek to reduce in-state costs of attendance. Scholarships for students who are not residents of Maine seek to reduce the difference between the in-state and out-of-state costs of attendance.

## Criteria for Selection

**Academic achievement** as reflected by information contained in the completed Application for Admission *at the time of application review*. This information may include, but is not limited to, class standing, rigor of the curriculum, grade point average, and standardized test scores;

**Diversity** as reflected by ethnicity, race, gender, physical challenge, field of academic study, purpose for pursuing higher education, or perseverance in overcoming educational and social obstacles;

Significant **personal accomplishments** beyond the traditional measures of academic achievement. This may include work experience, field study, or personal accomplishments in spite of adversity;

Outstanding **artistic talent** and special accomplishment in the fine and performing arts areas of music, theatre, or art. Students wishing to be considered for talent-based awards should contact the School of Performing Arts at 207-581-4700 or the Department of Art at 207-581-3245 for information about Visual and Performing Arts Awards. Auditions/interviews, portfolios and/or applications are required for consideration for these awards, and application deadlines exist.

**Priority for the academic scholarships awarded by the Office of Admission is given to Early Action candidates (complete application and all required application documents postmarked or submitted by December 15, 2009).** Regular candidates will be considered on a funds available basis only.

## Scholarship Categories

### TOP SCHOLAR AWARD

**Eligibility:** Maine high school seniors attending state approved Maine high schools. Selection is highly competitive and based on outstanding academic achievement.

**Award Amount:** \$7,200 per academic year—renewable for up to seven semesters.

### PRESIDENTIAL DISTINGUISHED SCHOLAR AWARD

**Eligibility:** Maine high school seniors in the top 10% of their class, with minimum combined critical reasoning and mathematical SAT score of 1250 or ACT composite score of 28 at the time of review.

**Award Amount:** \$2,500 per academic year—renewable for up to seven semesters.

### PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLAR AWARD

**Eligibility:** Non-residents (out-of-state students) and New England Board of Higher Education Regional Students Program (NEBHE RSP) high school seniors who minimally rank in the top 10% of their graduating class and have a minimum combined critical reasoning and mathematical SAT score of 1250 or ACT composite score of 28 at the time of review.

**Award Amount:** Non-residents (out-of-state students) \$10,000 per academic year—renewable for up to seven semesters.  
New England Board of Higher Education Regional Students Program (NEBHE RSP) \$5,000 per academic year—renewable for up to seven semesters.

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# Scholarship Categories (continued)

## DEAN'S SCHOLAR AWARD

*Eligibility:* Non-residents (out-of-state students) and New England Board of Higher Education Regional Students Program (NEBHE RSP) high school seniors who minimally rank in the top 40% of their graduating class and have a minimum combined critical reasoning and mathematical SAT score of 1100 or ACT composite score of 24 at the time of review.

*Award Amount:* Non-residents (out-of-state students) \$5,000 per academic year—renewable for up to seven semesters.  
New England Board of Higher Education Regional Students Program (NEBHE RSP) \$2,500 per academic year—renewable for up to seven semesters.

## OUTSTANDING STUDENT MERIT AWARD

*Eligibility:* Awarded to outstanding academic first-year students regardless of residence and National Merit Scholarship semi-finalists

*Award Amount:* \$7,200 per academic year for Maine residents, \$11,000 per academic year for New England Board of Higher Education Regional Students Program (NEBHE RSP), \$21,000 per academic year for non-residents (out-of-state students)—renewable for up to seven semesters.

## NATIONAL MERIT STIPEND

*Eligibility:* National Merit Scholarship Finalists who identify UMaine as their first choice with the National Merit Scholarship Foundation.

*Award Amount:* Ranging from \$1,000 to \$2,000 per academic year—renewable for up to seven semesters.

## DISTINGUISHED SCHOLAR AWARD

*Eligibility:* First-year students who distinguish themselves through class rank and standardized test scores at the time of review, generally falling within the top one or two percent of their high school class.

*Award Amount:* Awards of \$2,000 per academic year—renewable for up to seven semesters.

## DISTINGUISHED STUDENT AWARD

*Eligibility:* First-year students who exhibit diversity—culturally, personally, or through achievement in the visual and performing arts.

*Award Amount:* Ranging from \$1,000 to \$8,000—renewable for up to seven semesters.

## UMAINE RECOGNITION AWARD

*Eligibility:* First-year students who distinguish themselves through class rank and standardized test scores at the time of review.

*Award Amount:* Ranging from \$1,000 to \$5,000—renewable for up to seven semesters.

## TRANSFER SCHOLARSHIP

*Eligibility:* Awarded to outstanding transfer applicants as measured by the cumulative GPA of all prior college course work at the time of review. Priority given to those with applications complete by February 1. Candidates complete after February 1 will only be considered on a funds available basis.

*Award Amount:* A limited number of one-time, \$1000 awards.

## PHI THETA KAPPA SCHOLARSHIP

*Eligibility:* Awarded to outstanding transfer applicants as measured by the cumulative GPA of all prior college course work at the time of review who have held membership in Phi Theta Kappa at a community college. Priority given to those with applications complete by February 1. Candidates complete after February 1 will only be considered on a funds available basis.

*Award Amount:* A limited number of one-time, \$1000 awards.

## MAINE COMMUNITY COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP

*Eligibility:* Awarded to outstanding transfer applicants as measured by the cumulative GPA of all prior college course work at the time of review transferring from a Maine community college - a maximum of one for each of Maine's seven community colleges. Priority given to candidates whose applications are complete by February 1. Candidates complete after February 1 will only be considered on a funds available basis.

*Award Amount:* A maximum of one for each of Maine's seven community colleges, \$1000 awards.

## Academic Programs 2009-2010

Please refer to the web site (<http://factsheets.umaine.edu/>) for the most updated version of the fact sheets.

This fact sheet is intended for informational purposes only and is subject to change.