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Academic Programs 2008-2009

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University-Wide Programs

Program Description

The University of Maine Pulp & Paper Foundation was established in 1950 to provide scholarships to qualified engineering students preparing for paper industry related technical careers. Paper related technical careers include working with paper industry producers as well as suppliers of chemicals, equipment and design services.

First year student scholarships will be for full UMaine resident tuition conditional on the student earning a 3.0 or greater grade point average while fully enrolled in the fall semester. Scholarships are renewable for the sophomore year and beyond as long as grade requirements and demonstrated interest in the pulp and paper industry are shown.

The foundation offers scholarship recipients and non-scholarship recipients opportunities to meet paper industry mentors. While the foundation is not responsible for securing employment on behalf of students, it does help students to know where there is a job demand and recommends specific people who may be helpful in locating employment. The foundation actively encourages students in their academic work by helping them to utilize existing university resources.

The Pulp and Paper Foundation provides a liaison between industry representatives and faculty to insure that the curriculum offered to students meets industry needs. The foundation provides financial support to the Department of Chemical and Biological Engineering, allowing the department to offer a cooperative education work-study program which provides students with up to two pre-professional work experiences prior to graduation.

The foundation's financial support comes from more than 70 companies located throughout the U.S. Its endowment is made up of more than 200 funds with all income used for scholarships.

Entrance Requirements

Scholarship applications are available on request from the Pulp & Paper Foundation, and after October 1, on its web site. There is no deadline for submitting a scholarship application. However, funds are not guaranteed to be available after February 1st for the following academic year. Scholarship applications are considered beginning in early January.

Successful scholarship applicants are typically ranked in the top 10-15 percent of their high school class and also have test scores in the top 10-15 percent of all test takers. However, these are general guidelines and not requirements. The selection committee places considerable emphasis on the student's development of an awareness of the career opportunities available in the pulp and paper and related supplier industries. Scholarship applicants must also demonstrate their ability to communicate in writing and orally. Initial screening of applications is conducted on the Orono campus with selected students being invited to an interview with a representative of the foundation's Scholarship Committee at a mutually convenient location, usually near the student's home.

The foundation offers awards to up to 25 entering students. Additional scholarship awards are made each year to upperclass scholarship applicants. Students whose initial scholarship application is rejected are invited to apply for a scholarship to be awarded in a subsequent year. All scholarships are awarded for one year with renewal based upon continued demonstrated interest in paper industry related opportunities and maintaining the required grades.

All majors offered by the College of Engineering qualify for scholarship support. Students enrolled in Forestry Management, Forest Operations, and programs in the School of Engineering Technology are also eligible.

Applications for Foundation Scholarships are available at www.mainepulpaper.org.
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