



Scholarship Connections

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Today's Conversation



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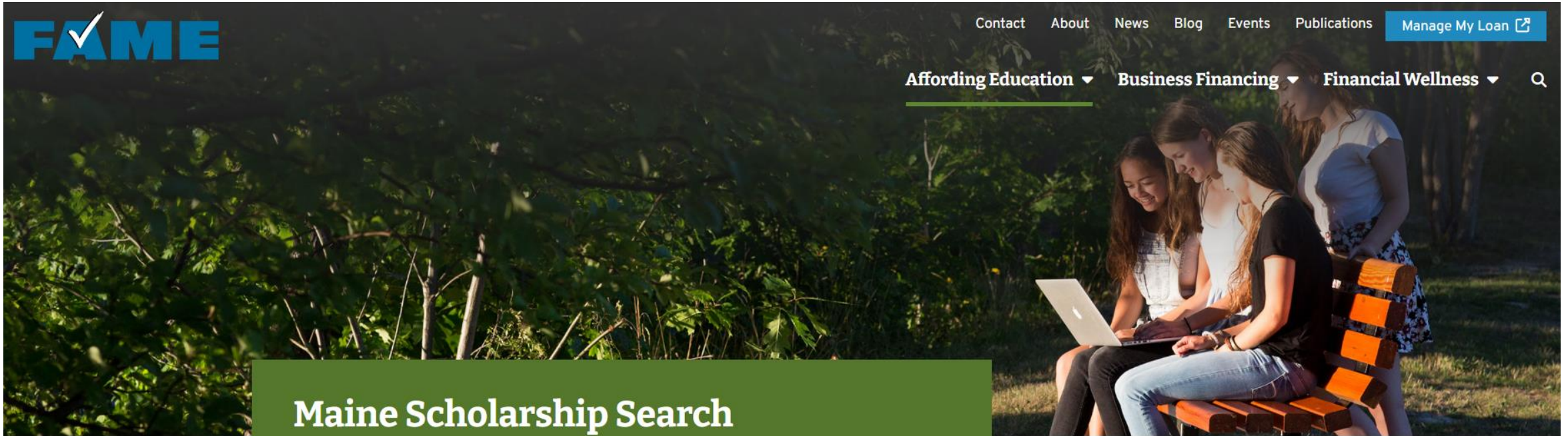


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Scholarships are gift aid that you will not need to repay. Scholarships are typically awarded outside of the college's financial aid awarding process and require students to actively research and find them. Start your search with FAME's online scholarship search for Maine scholarships, and use FAME's scholarship tracking spreadsheet (.xlsx format) to stay organized.

[Scholarship Tracking Spreadsheet \(.xlsx\) →](#)



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Jackie Shannon
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BUILT FOR THE BIG STUFF

About Maine Community Foundation

Founded in 1983, the Maine Community Foundation brings people and resources together to build a better Maine.

MaineCF is headquartered in Ellsworth with an additional office in Portland and staff throughout the state.

MaineCF is a funder, connector and collaborator toward solving important issues facing Maine.

There's no part of Maine that we don't touch, and no person we don't welcome with open arms. We're boldly invested in Maine.

To learn more about the foundation, visit mainecf.org.



MaineCF Scholarships

- Total scholarships - **\$4,191,428** in scholarships to over 1,100 Maine students in 2023
- Over 700 scholarship funds
- The Maine Community Foundation seeks to promote respect for all people. Through its scholarships, the community foundation supports all students regardless of their race, age, ancestry or national origin, sexual orientation, gender, physical or mental disability, religion, or geographical region within the state of Maine.
- Students are eligible regardless of their citizenship or immigration status, and we do not ask for this information in our applications.

Types of Scholarships

- **Scholarship:** These are set up by organizations or donors to benefit a specific eligibility. MaineCF manages the entire process from application all the way to payment. Minimum amount to set up this type of scholarship is \$250,000
- **Agency Scholarship:** set up by a school- typically a high school. The high school manages the entire process from application to payment. MaineCF holds the funds and distributes the award amount to the school for payment. Minimum amount is \$10,000
- **Designated Scholarship:** set up by a donor to benefit a specific school or organization. MaineCF holds the funds and distributes the award amount to the beneficiary for payment. Minimum amount is \$10,000

Eligibility

- Varies widely across our scholarship program
- Many programs benefit a specific school or region – donors wish to support their former high school or the students in their area.
- Major – we have scholarships that support healthcare, journalism, business, veterinary study, education, engineering, STEM – the list goes on! And many do not limit the field of study!
- Memorial scholarships – families of someone who has passed open scholarship funds in their honor. These scholarship funds often have a geographical requirement, or they support a student who has similar interests or goals as the person who passed.
- Adult Learners – must only meet one of our eligibility criteria to be classified as an adult learner.

Adult Learner Long-Term Scholarship

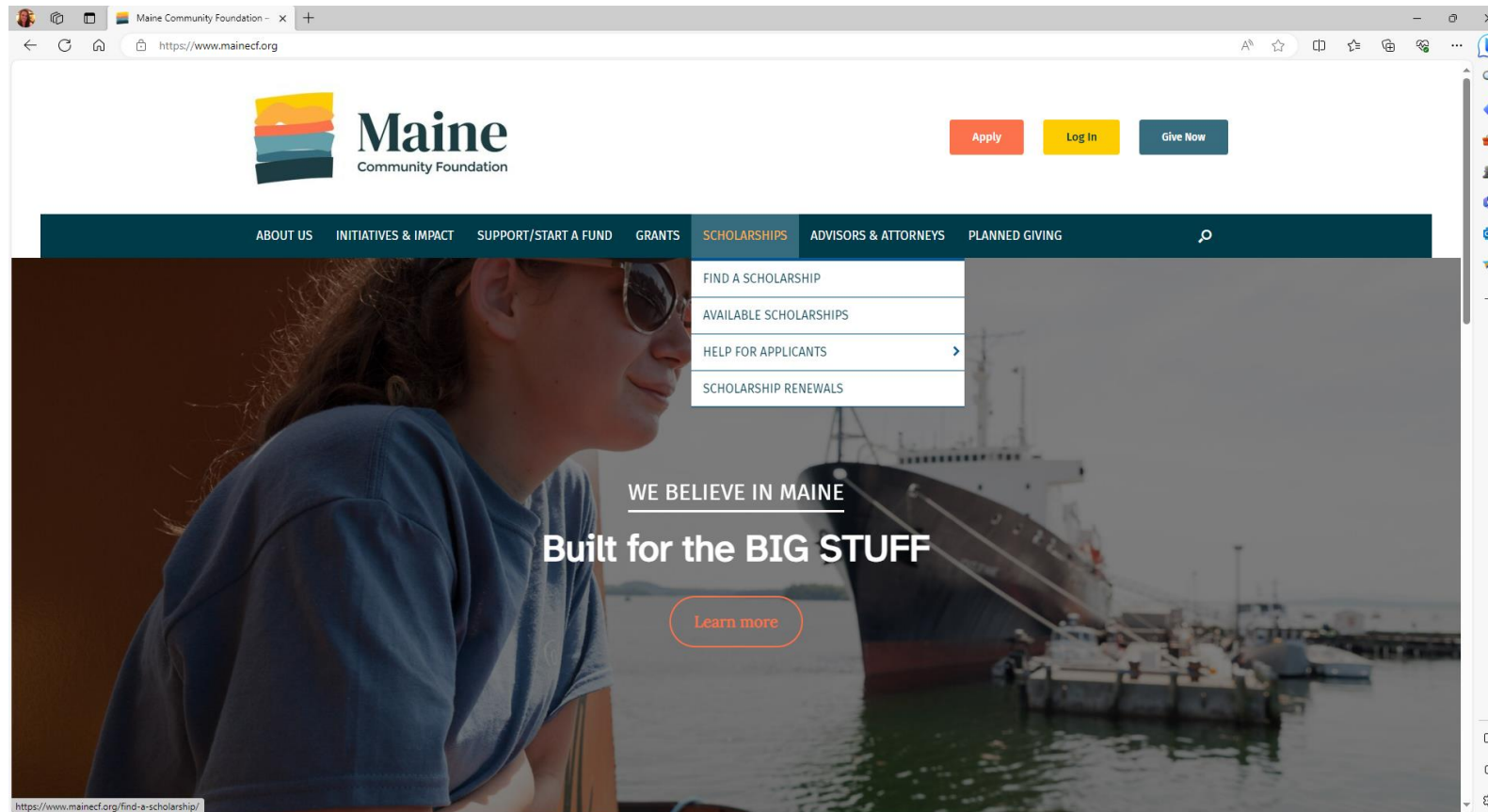
- over \$675,000 to 358 Maine adult learners last year – we received roughly 500 submissions in 2023
- Awards supported 2- and 4-year college degrees, vocational and technical education, as well as certifications and licensures
- Helps Maine residents complete their education to become more employable, and to improve the quality of their life
- Uses our online application portal
- Two deadlines per year. June 15th for fall semester study and November 15th for spring semester.
- This is a RENEWABLE award – we ask students to apply for renewal for each semester they attend school. This award cannot be deferred.

Adult Learner Short-Term Award


- For programs lasting less than a full semester.
- Applicant earning a certificate or workplace credential, not a degree.
- The applicant **will not need to renew** the award to finish the program.
- Rolling deadline – the committee considers applications as they are submitted. Decisions will be made within 10-14 days.
- Apply at least a month before the program begins. This award is not renewable.
- Size of the awards will depend on the individual need, but most awards are maxed at \$1,500.
- **Application Deadline:** Rolling. **Awards are not retroactive and cannot fund programs that have already started.** Make sure to apply well before your program starts.
- Uses a paper application – download it from our site. Do not use old applications – please use the 2024 version from the website.

How to Apply:

- www.mainecef.org



Available Scholarships - Maine C x +
https://www.maine.org/find-a-scholarship/available-scholarships/



Apply Log In Give Now

ABOUT US INITIATIVES & IMPACT SUPPORT/START A FUND GRANTS SCHOLARSHIPS ADVISORS & ATTORNEYS PLANNED GIVING

Scholarships Available Scholarships

Scholarships by Type

- For Adult Learners
- Aspirational, Non-traditional, & Camp
- Graduate Education
- Private High School

Scholarships by Region

- Available Statewide
- Androscoggin County
- Aroostook County
- Cumberland County
- Franklin County
- Hancock County
- Kennebec County
- Knox County
- Lincoln County
- Oxford County
- Penobscot County
- Piscataquis County
- Sagadahoc County

Special Scholarships

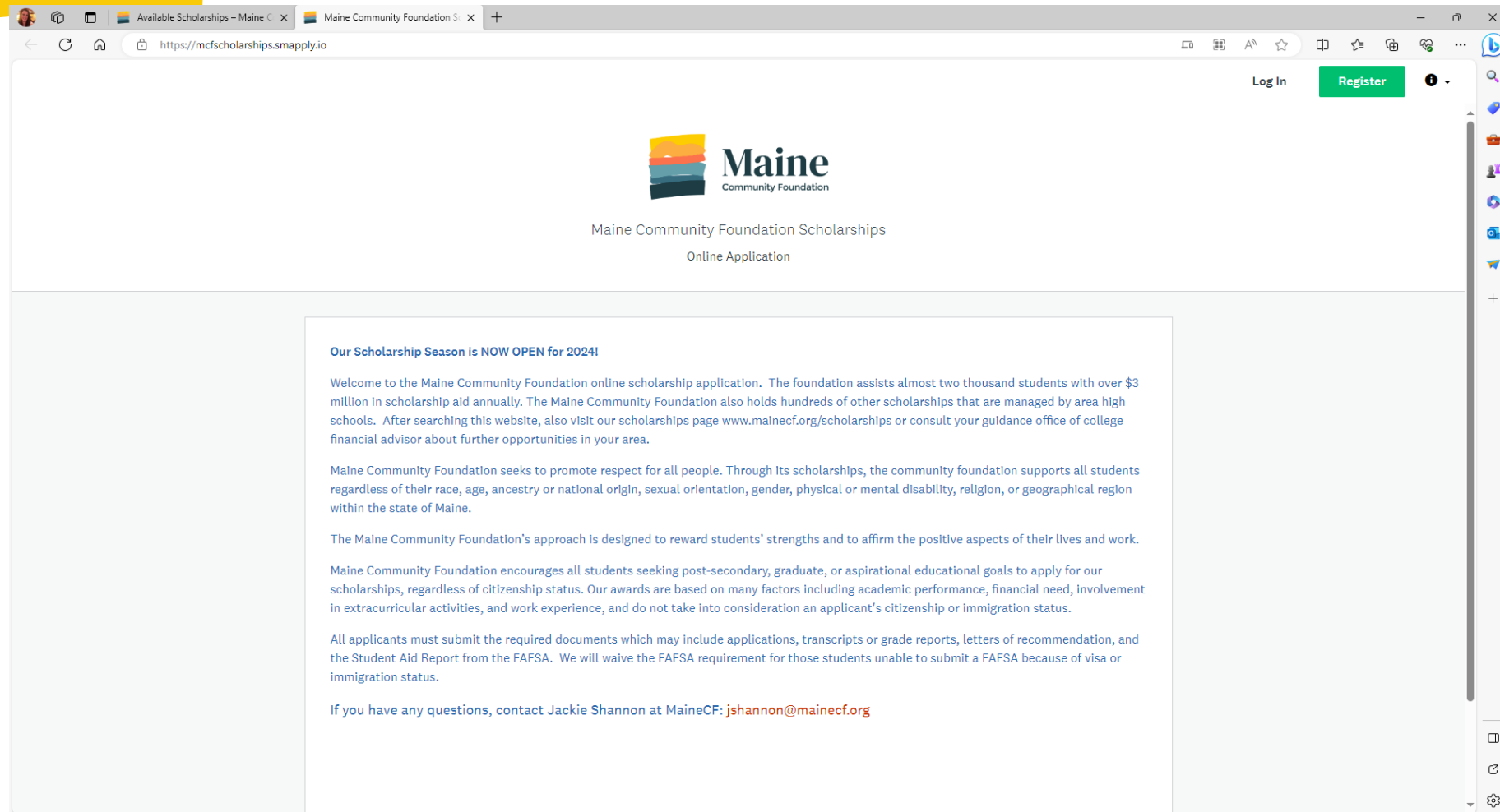
- David Moses Bridges Scholarship
- Guy P. Gannett Journalism Scholarship
- Keepers Preservation Education Fund
- Maine Policy Scholars
- Parsons Family Scholarship for LGBTQ+ Youth and Allies

Apply Online!

https://mcf-scholarships.smapply.io



Maine Community Foundation Scholarships (smapply.io)



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL <https://mcscholarships.smapply.io>. The page features the Maine Community Foundation logo at the top center, with the text "Maine Community Foundation Scholarships Online Application" below it. In the top right corner, there are "Log In" and "Register" buttons. The main content area contains a message titled "Our Scholarship Season is NOW OPEN for 2024!".

Our Scholarship Season is NOW OPEN for 2024!

Welcome to the Maine Community Foundation online scholarship application. The foundation assists almost two thousand students with over \$3 million in scholarship aid annually. The Maine Community Foundation also holds hundreds of other scholarships that are managed by area high schools. After searching this website, also visit our scholarships page www.maineef.org/scholarships or consult your guidance office of college financial advisor about further opportunities in your area.

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The Maine Community Foundation's approach is designed to reward students' strengths and to affirm the positive aspects of their lives and work.

Maine Community Foundation encourages all students seeking post-secondary, graduate, or aspirational educational goals to apply for our scholarships, regardless of citizenship status. Our awards are based on many factors including academic performance, financial need, involvement in extracurricular activities, and work experience, and do not take into consideration an applicant's citizenship or immigration status.

All applicants must submit the required documents which may include applications, transcripts or grade reports, letters of recommendation, and the Student Aid Report from the FAFSA. We will waive the FAFSA requirement for those students unable to submit a FAFSA because of visa or immigration status.

If you have any questions, contact Jackie Shannon at MaineCF: jshannon@mainecf.org



SurveyMonkey Apply

- <https://mcf-scholarships.smapply.io/>
- Create an account or log in with the account you have already created.
- You **MUST** complete the Eligibility Quiz – you can alter your eligibility as needed. It is not set in stone.
- Click on Programs on the top banner to see what scholarships pop up for you.
- You must fill out a separate application for each scholarship you want to apply for.

Questions? Contact us!

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WORTHINGTON

Scholarship Foundation



What We Do

The Worthington Scholarship Foundation:

- Awards scholarships to Maine public high school students going to select Maine colleges
- Provides personalized support to our scholars through one-on-one meetings and collaboration with the support services of our college partners



Who We Are

- 501(c)3 Private Operating Foundation
- Based in Rockland, Maine
- 6 employees
- 6-member board of directors



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Commercial Pilot
Aerial Application

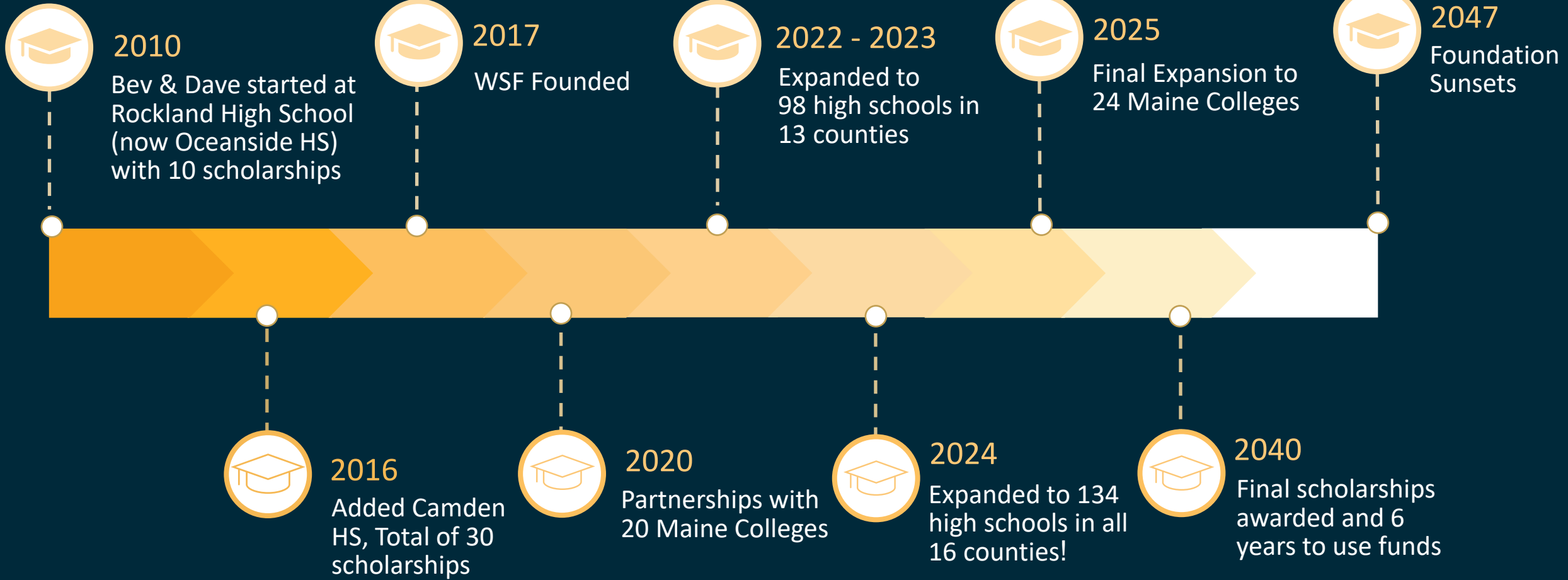


Geophysicist

- Growing up under the same circumstances as many of our Scholars, they are passionate about helping Maine students advance their own education.
- Inspired by the perseverance of Maine students to look beyond the economic barriers they face with higher education, they sought to aid the transfer from high school to college.



Scholarship Timeline





2025 Scholars

In 2025, we aim to award
1,000 scholarships
to graduates from every public high school in Maine



Award

Multi-year scholarship – Up to \$20,000 total

4-year college

- Paid at \$2,500 per qualified semester

Community college

- Paid at \$1,500 per qualified semester

*Funds must be used within 6 years of the recipient's graduation date
After 6 years, any remaining funds will be forfeited*





Eligibility

To be eligible a student must:

- Be a 2025 graduate of one of our 134 public high schools based in Maine
- Have an SAI of 30,000 or less
- Meet a GPA requirement
 - 4-year college = High School GPA of B- or higher as determined by the high school
 - Community college = GPA of C- or higher as determined by the high school
- Attend college full-time the Fall semester after they graduate high school



GPA Verification

When a student applies, a verification request will be sent to their high school contact

The request will ask for the student's numerical GPA and the range of the letter grade equivalent

- A Range (A+, A, A-)
- B Range (B+, B, B-)
- C Range (C+, C, C-)

School staff have until one week after our April 15th application deadline to verify GPAs.



Eligibility – Partner Private Colleges

- Bowdoin College
- Bates College
- Colby College
- College of the Atlantic
- Husson University
- Maine College of Art & Design
- Maine Maritime Academy
- Saint Joseph's College of Maine
- Thomas College
- University of New England





Eligibility – Partner Public Universities

- University of Maine
- UM - Augusta
- UM - Farmington
- UM - Fort Kent
- UM - Machias
- UM - Presque Isle
- University of Southern Maine





Eligibility – Partner Community Colleges

- Central Maine Community College
- Eastern Maine Community College
- Kennebec Valley Community College
- Northern Maine Community College
- Southern Maine Community College
- Washington County Community College
- York County Community College





Scholarship Can Apply to Total Cost of Attendance

Cost of Attendance (COA) = the college's estimated price to attend for one year

- Tuition
- Fees
- Books & School Supplies
- Room and Board
- Transportation
- Technology



Scholar Advocacy

The Worthington Scholarship Foundation's

Scholar Advocacy Team

helps scholars utilize resources on college campuses and other organizations to overcome hurdles and stay in school



Our Goals for Maine Students

College Persistence and Graduation

- Scholars have the financial, mental health, and academic support they need to succeed in college

Manageable Student Loan Debt

- Scholars graduate college with manageable debt



Deadline and Notification

Deadline: April 15

Announcement: Recipients of the scholarship are notified at their high school award's night or graduation ceremony





Contact Us

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