

MAINE EDUCATION SERVICES (MES) ADMINISTERED SCHOLARSHIPS



Application and Information

The scholarships listed below are administered by Maine Education Services (MES) on behalf of several Maine companies and organizations for Maine students. Choose the scholarships that sound right for you.

- Maine Legislative Memorial Scholarship**
- Maine Metal Products Association Scholarship**
- Maine State Chamber of Commerce Scholarship**
- The Richard H. and Scottie Pierce Family Foundation Scholarship**

Application Deadline:

The scholarship application and any supplemental documents must be submitted to MES and postmarked by **April 20, 2012**. Materials received after the deadline will not be considered.

Application Requirements:

- The following requirements may be filled out on-line (www.mesfoundation.com) (**EXCEPTION:** The Richard H. and Scottie Pierce Family Foundation Scholarship is only available via paper application for 2012).
 - Applicant information
 - School/community activities
 - Work experience
 - College information
 - Special financial circumstances
 - Essay (with applicant's name on it)
- The following forms can be printed from MES' website, www.mesfoundation.com. (**EXCEPTION:** The Richard H. and Scottie Pierce Family Foundation Scholarship is only available via paper application for 2012).
 - Academic transcript release form
 - School recommendation form
 - Community recommendation
 - Copy of high school diploma or equivalent or expected graduation date (Maine Metal Products)
- **Student Aid Report (SAR):** It is imperative that students submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) *in time* to receive the Student Aid Report (SAR) back from the federal government. The SAR with Expected Family Contribution (EFC), income information and number of family members, must be sent to MES and postmarked by **April 20, 2012**.

Direct any questions concerning this scholarship to MES by calling **1-800-922-6352** or via **email** at customerservice@mesfoundation.com. Please mail all supporting documents to the following address:

Maine Education Services (MES)
Attn. Scholarship Program
131 Presumpscot Street
Portland, ME 04103

Your application will not be complete without all requested information.

Maine State Chamber of Commerce Scholarship

The Maine State Chamber of Commerce Scholarship program recognizes two Maine high school seniors planning to pursue their education at a two or four year degree-granting college. Preference may be given to a student attending a Maine college. One scholarship is for a student pursuing an associate's degree in a technical program and one scholarship is for a student pursuing a bachelor's degree in a business related area.

Awards are made on the basis of:

- ❑ Academic excellence measured by the content of the applicant's transcript and GPA
- ❑ The applicant's activities, including employment and contributions to community
- ❑ Financial need represented by the applicant's Student Aid Report (SAR)
- ❑ A letter of recommendation from an official at the student's high school or adult's community
- ❑ An essay describing challenges that businesses face in Maine.

Award Notification:

Scholarship awards will be announced in May of the application year. Awards will be made jointly to the students and their college after successful completion of the first semester. Scholarships may be deferred for one year.

MAINE METAL PRODUCTS ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP

The Maine Metal Products Association Scholarship awards are given to individuals who have demonstrated an outstanding record and overall potential to attend an institution of higher learning majoring in machine trades or related metal working areas (mechanical engineering, machine tool technician, sheet metal fabrication, welding, CAD/CAM for metals industry, etc.).

This scholarship is restricted to the study of metal working trades and will be used to pay tuition costs, textbooks, lab fees, supplies, and room and board. It provides a valuable community service by encouraging qualified applicants to pursue careers in the metal working industry. Additionally, it provides the community and the Maine Metal Products Association member companies with a potential source of well-trained metal working technicians and management personnel.

Eligibility Criteria:

- The applicant must be a Maine resident and have a sincere desire to further their education in the metal working trades.
- The winner of the scholarship award must have applied to enter a metal trades program at a Maine college in the fall and must be accepted as a student at that college.

Awards are made on the basis of:

- Personal qualifications of attitude, initiative, seriousness of intent and overall impression.
- Aptitude or demonstrated ability in the metal working trades.
- High school and post secondary records - scholastic and extracurricular activities.

Award Amount:

Varies; determined by the selection committee.

Award Notification:

The Maine Metal Products Association Scholarship Committee will announce scholarship winners in July of 2012.

Please complete the following:

Do you plan to commute or be a resident student? _____

Do you plan to work while in school? _____ If so, where? _____

Are you presently employed? _____ If so, where? _____

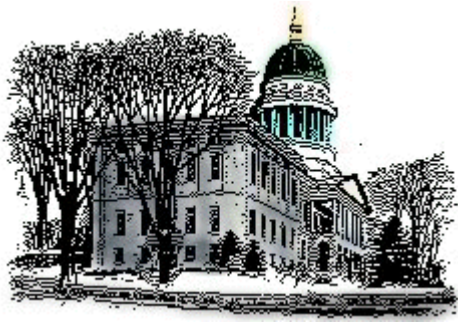
Please list your current metal working skills: _____

College expenses:

Cost of tuition: \$ _____/semester \$ _____/year Cost of books: \$ _____/year

Cost of housing: \$ _____/year On Campus _____ Off Campus _____

Have you applied for other scholarships or loans? Yes _____ No _____ Where? _____



THE MAINE LEGISLATIVE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

The Maine Legislative Memorial Scholarship Fund was created by the Maine Legislature and staff to annually recognize one student from each county, who is currently or is planning to pursue education at a two- or four-year degree-granting Maine college or technical school. This scholarship is available for full or part-time students.

Award Amount:

Members of the Maine Legislature and staff have conducted fund-raising activities to raise the money for this scholarship. Sixteen scholarships are awarded – a \$1000 scholarship to one student from each Maine County.

Eligibility Criteria:

The eligible recipient must be a Maine resident who is accepted to or enrolled in a two- or four-year degree-granting Maine college or technical school that is accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges. The student must actually choose to attend the Maine institution. Graduate students are also eligible.

Awards are made on the basis of:

- ❑ Academic excellence demonstrated by the content of the applicant's transcript and GPA
- ❑ Contributions to community and employment
- ❑ Financial need demonstrated by the applicant's Student Aid Report (SAR)
- ❑ Letters of recommendation from *both*:
 - A high school or college official familiar with the applicant's academic performance and extracurricular activities
 - A person with first-hand knowledge regarding the applicant's involvement in community service
- ❑ In 300 words or less, explain your educational goals and intentions and also include a statement of how this scholarship would make a difference in your ability to achieve these goals.

Award Notification:

The Maine Legislative Memorial Scholarship Committee will announce scholarship winners in the spring of 2013. Awards will be made directly to the applicant after successful completion of the first semester of school. Scholarships may be deferred for one year if this is to the student's financial advantage.

THE RICHARD H. AND SCOTTIE PIERCE FAMILY FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

The Richard H. and Scottie Pierce Family Foundation Scholarship Fund was created by Richard and Scottie Pierce, formerly of Waterville, ME, to annually expand educational opportunities for Maine students who are planning to pursue their education at a two-or four-year accredited degree-granting college or university worldwide. Initially, the program will be extended to Somerset County students in recognition of that being the birthplace of Mr. Pierce's parents, Henry and Bea Pierce.

Award Amount:

Multiple \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded in 2012 to students from Somerset county.

Eligibility Criteria:

Eligible recipient must be a Somerset county resident for a minimum of one year, who is accepted or enrolled to any two or four year degree-granting college or university worldwide that is accredited by the Association of Schools and Colleges.

Awards are made on the basis of:

- Academic excellence demonstrated by the content of the applicant's transcript and GPA
- Contributions to community and employment
- Financial need demonstrated by the applicant's Student Aid Report (SAR)
- Letter(s) of recommendation from *both*:
 - A high school or college official familiar with the applicant academic performance and extra- curricular activities
 - A person with first-hand knowledge regarding the applicant's involvement in community service

Essay of 300 words or less from the applicant explaining his or her educational goals and intentions and a statement of how this scholarship would make a difference in their ability to achieve these goals

Award Notification:

Awards will be made jointly to the applicant and school. The Richard H. and Scottie Pierce Family Foundation Scholarship Fund will announce scholarship winners for the 2012 applicants in the spring of 2012.

Please check off which scholarships you wish to apply for:

- Maine State Chamber of Commerce Scholarship
- Maine Legislative Memorial Scholarship
- Maine Metal Products Association Scholarship
- The Richard H. and Scottie Pierce Family Foundation Scholarship



Applicant Information

First Name _____ Middle Initial _____ Last Name _____

County of Residence _____ Have you lived in this County for at least one year? _____

Date of Birth _____

Street Address _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone _____ Fax _____

E-Mail Address _____

Contact Person Information

This person must always know the applicant's college address.

First Name _____ Middle Initial _____ Last Name _____

Street Address _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone _____ Fax _____

E-Mail Address _____

School and Community Activities

List your most personally significant school and community activities (top five) while in high school:

Activity/Club/Sport: _____

Your Role or Contribution (offices held, special projects, etc.): _____

Length of Participation (MM/YY-MM/YY): _____

Activity/Club/Sport: _____

Your Role or Contribution (offices held, special projects, etc.): _____

Length of Participation (MM/YY-MM/YY): _____

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Your Role or Contribution (offices held, special projects, etc.): _____

Length of Participation (MM/YY-MM/YY): _____

Activity/Club/Sport: _____

Your Role or Contribution (offices held, special projects, etc.): _____

Length of Participation MM/YY-MM/YY): _____

Work Experience

Employer: _____

Job Title: _____

Location: _____ Month/Year(s) Active: _____

Employer: _____

Job Title: _____

Location: _____ Month/Year(s) Active: _____

Employer: _____

Job Title: _____

Location: _____ Month/Year(s) Active: _____

College Information

List the colleges in which you are interested (in order of preference) and associated information:

College Name: _____

Intended Major/Program: _____ Degree Sought: Associates ___ Bachelors ___

Location: _____ Cost of Attendance/Year: _____

College Name: _____

Intended Major: _____ Degree Sought: Associates ___ Bachelors ___

Location: _____ Cost of Attendance/Year: _____

College Name: _____

Intended Major: _____ Degree Sought: Associates ___ Bachelors ___

Location: _____ Cost of Attendance/Year: _____

College Name: _____

Intended Major: _____ Degree Sought: Associates ___ Bachelors ___

Location: _____ Cost of Attendance/Year: _____

Special Financial Circumstances

If applicable, describe any extenuating circumstances that make financing your education especially difficult. Include references, such as school counselor, who can support your description of your situation. You may be asked to provide documentation.

Student Aid Report (SAR)

In order to determine financial need, a copy of your Student Aid Report (SAR) from the College Scholarship Service is required. The SAR must include your Expected Family Contribution (EFC) and income figures. Please forward one copy of the SAR, noting in the upper right corner the scholarship(s) for which you are applying.

Mail to the following address by **April 20, 2012**.

Maine Education Services (MES)
Attn: Scholarship Administrator
131 Presumpscot Street
Portland, ME 04103

Please complete the following:

1. Expected Family Contribution (EFC) from the Student Aid Report (SAR): _____
2. Adjusted Gross Income from the SAR (Parent): _____
(Student): _____
3. Number of Family Members from the SAR: _____

Essays

Essay for Maine Legislative Memorial Scholarship

In 300 words or less, explain your educational goals and intentions and also include a statement of how this scholarship would make a difference in your ability to achieve these goals.

Essay for Maine Metal Products Association Scholarship

In your own words, describe your goals, aspirations and accomplishments. Why and how did you decide on a career in metalworking? Why do you think you should receive this scholarship?

Essay for Maine State Chamber of Commerce Scholarship

Any business or manufacturer faces challenges as it conducts business in Maine. Contact a business leader in your community and explain to them that you are entering a scholarship competition sponsored by the Maine State Chamber of Commerce. Ask the individual to describe one or more of the challenges that he/she faces doing business in Maine. You may want to contact your local chamber of commerce for the names of business leaders.

In 300 words or less, describe one of the challenges discussed and make suggestions for successfully meeting the challenge. Indicate at the top of your essay the name of the person you interviewed.

Essay for The Richard H. and Scottie Pierce Family Foundation Scholarship

In 300 words or less, explain your educational goals and intentions and also include a statement of how this scholarship would make a difference in your ability to achieve these goals.

In addition to completing this application, the following documents must be completed and returned:

Please check off which scholarships you are applying for:

- Maine State Chamber of Commerce Scholarship**
- Maine Legislative Memorial Scholarship**
- Maine Metal Products Association Scholarship**
- The Richard H. and Scottie Pierce Family Foundation Scholarship**



Academic Transcript Release

Applicant Name _____

Student and parent (if student is under 18) must sign the sections below:

I (print name of student) _____
grant permission to (name of school) _____
to release my academic transcript to Maine Education Services (MES) for the purposes of scholarship competition.

Student Signature: _____

Parent or Guardian Signature: _____
(if the student is under 18 years old)

School Official: Please send a copy of the most recent official school transcript for the above named student and complete the information below. *This transcript should reflect grades through the first semester of the current academic year.*

Please indicate:

- Highest combination of SAT scores: Verbal: _____ Math: _____
Test dates _____
- Grade point average as of first semester of current academic year _____
- Rank in class as of first semester of current academic year: _____ of _____ (ex. 27 of 157)

Transcripts must be postmarked by **April 20, 2012**. Please send this form and transcript to the following address:

Maine Education Services (MES)
Attn: Scholarship Administrator
131 Presumpscot Street
Portland, ME 04103



Please check off which scholarships you are applying for:

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School Recommendation

Applicant Name _____

High school _____ Location _____

Name of person completing recommendation _____

Title _____

Directions: Please complete the following information regarding the applicant to the best of your knowledge. Please postmark the recommendation by **April 20, 2012**. Thank you for your assistance.

- Please describe the applicant's contribution to the quality of life in the school using supporting examples.

- If applicable, please include any information of which you are aware concerning the applicant's need for financial aid.

School Recommendation Continued

- Please rate the student with regard to academic potential for college level study:

- __Average for current class
- __Above average for current class
- __Top 10% of current class
- __Above average for students I have known
- __Top 10% of students I have known

- Give any supporting examples of the student's ability to pursue a college program:

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Community Reference

Ask someone who knows you and your community contributions well to complete this form on your behalf (or send a letter of recommendation) to MES by the deadline date. Give people plenty of time to write a recommendation. Remember, they are busy, too!

The selection committee relies heavily upon written recommendations. Thank you for your assistance.

Student's name _____ Date _____

Name of person providing reference _____ Title _____

Phone Number _____ E-Mail _____

Please explain how you know of the applicant's contribution to the community.

Please relate the applicant's contribution to the quality of life in the greater community using supporting examples.

Community Reference Continued

Student's name _____

Please rate the applicant's ability to pursue the career they have chosen, as you perceive it. Please use examples of past accomplishments.

Can you give us any information concerning the applicant's need for financial aid?

Signature _____ Date _____

Mail to: Maine Education Services (MES)
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Portland, ME 04103



Recommendation must be postmarked by April 20, 2012.

Thank you for your help. Questions may be referred to MES at 1-800-922-6352.