National Scholarships

Jack Kent Cooke Foundation
Scholarship supports roughly 30-40 students a year who have high demonstrated financial need, above 3.5 GPA, and top 15% SAT/ACT scores. Award includes up to $40,000/year, personal advising about college selection and navigating financial aid, and multifaceted advising about how to transition to college and maximize the student experience.

For undergraduate transfer students, they also offer a scholarship for students with demonstrated financial need and a GPA above 3.5 who will be transferring from a 2-year community college to a 4-year college for the first time. Provides up to $40,000/year to 85 students annually.

Maine, General

Rice Scholarship Fund - Supports students who have resided a substantial part of their formative (K-8) years on an off-shore island of Maine in the area from Seguin to Eastport who are attending accredited, degree-granting colleges or vocational training schools. Preference for residents of off-shore (unbridged) islands. Selection based on financial need and commitment to community service. Islands include: Beals Island, Deer Isle, Eastport, Frenchboro, Great Cranberry Island, Isle au Haut, Islesboro, Islesford, Matinicus, Monhegan, MDI, North Haven, South Bristol, Southport, Stonington, Swan's, Verona, Vinalhaven. See the Maine Community Foundation website

Mitchell Institute - awards a scholarship to a graduating senior for each of Maine's public high schools for higher education. Scholarship award is for $8,500 over four years and also includes
an array of personal, academic, and professional support programs including access to a
network of more than 2,500 Mitchell Scholars, Alumni, and partners. For students planning to
attend colleges both in- and out-of-state.

**Clyde Russell Scholarship Fund** - for graduating high school seniors attending a four-year
college (up to one $10,000 award) or a Maine Community College (up to two $2,000
awards). Runner-up finalists may receive $500 in recognition of their outstanding achievement
and/or cultural contribution.

**Richard H. Pierce Memorial Scholarship** - for Maine residents enrolling in a two- or four-year
college or university. Awards based on academic excellence, demonstrated financial need,
contributions to school/community/work environment, and personal essay.

**Maine American Legion Scholarships** - For Maine residents with demonstrated financial need.
Includes the Children and Youth Scholarship (seven, $500 awards), the Daniel E. Lambert
Memorial Scholarship (two, $1000 awards - parent or grandparent must be a veteran), and the
James V. Day Scholarship (two, $500 awards - parent or grandparent must be a member of the
Maine American Legion). See also for links to National American Legion Scholarships.

**Lamey-Wellehan Maine Difference Scholarship** - for Maine students who will be attending a
Maine college or university, with both the commitment and ability to have a positive impact on
Maine’s economy and/or environment. The student may be in high school, or in the first year
after graduation. Three awards are available, at $1,000 annually for up to four years of
undergraduate study.

**Futurama Foundation** - numerous scholarship opportunities for girls/women who are high
school graduating seniors and current college students, including the Lemieux-Lovejoy Youth
Scholarship, the Jeanne L. Hammond Memorial Scholarship, and the BPW/Maine Continuing
Education Scholarship.

**Maine Legislative Memorial Scholarship Fund** - for graduating seniors and current college
students enrolled in a Maine college for graduate or undergraduate degrees. $1,000 award to
one student from each county; awards based on academic excellence, activities, financial need,
letters of recommendation, essay.

**Maine Vietnam Veterans Scholarship Fund** - Supports Maine veterans of the United States
Armed Services who served in the Vietnam Theater and their descendants. Secondarily
supports children of veterans of the United States Armed Services. See the Maine Community
Foundation website.

**Maine, Major/Interest-Specific**

**Guy P. Gannett Scholarship Fund** - for Maine students pursuing journalism or a related field,
based on interest in journalism, financial need, and academic achievement. See the [Maine
Community Foundation website](#)
**Associated General Contractors of Maine, Inc. Education Foundation** - for Maine residents, demonstrating financial need, enrolled in an undergraduate, construction-related field of study at an accredited Maine post-secondary institute. Awards range $500-$4000. Must complete a 150-word, typed essay on 8 1/2 x 11 paper explaining why you are pursuing a career in construction. High school or college transcript.

**Garden Club Federation of Maine Scholarship** - $3,000 scholarship for college juniors/seniors and graduate students who are Maine residents majoring in some field of horticulture, floriculture, landscape design, conservation, forestry, botany, agronomy, plant pathology, environmental control, city planning and/or any other garden related fields.

**Joel Abromson Memorial Scholarship through Equity Maine** - for graduating seniors pursuing post-secondary education; chosen based on their involvement and leadership in promoting equity for LGBT people in their schools and communities, and their commitment and concrete plans for promoting equality in Maine.

**Maine Innkeepers Association** - for Maine students pursuing post-secondary education in hospitality; preference to children of employees of the Maine Innkeepers Association member properties.

**Maine Manufacturers Career & Training Foundation Scholarship** - for students furthering their education in the metalworking trade at a Maine college.

**Maine, Essay/Art Contest**

**ASQ Pine Tree Section #0105 Sumner K. Wiley Jr. Scholarship** - for high school seniors and college students pursuing post-secondary education, who have been residents of Maine for the past two non-college years. $1,000 award for the best short essay on the specified topic.

**Lawrence Alan Spiegel Remembrance Scholarship** (The Holocaust Human Rights Center of Maine) - for graduating high school seniors pursuing post-secondary education, must write an essay. $1,000 award.

**Liberty Graphics Art Scholarship - Art and Our Natural Environment** - for graduating high school seniors - must submit original work in traditional two-dimensional media to be considered. Multiple submissions are allowed. $1,000 award.

**Maine By County & School**

**Hancock County**

**Spurling Scholarship Funds** - for residents of Cranberry Isles, Frenchboro, Swans, and MDI pursuing post-secondary education. Preference to residents of un-bridged islands with the greatest financial need. See [Maine Community Foundation's website](#).

**Cranberry Isles Education Fund** - for full time residents of Cranberry Isles to support the personal or vocational goals of residents. Must meet two of the following criteria:
1. Be a registered voter in the Town of Cranberry Isles (for a minor this requirement would be met by having at least one parent registered as a voter in the Town of Cranberry Isles)
2. To have graduated from an elementary school located within the Town of Cranberry Isles within the last 12 years
3. To physically reside within the Town of Cranberry Isles for at least two months of the current year (or most recent year) when not in school. Contact Town of Cranberry Isles for more information.

Swans Island Education Achievement Trust - for resident of Swan's Island pursuing post-secondary education. Awarded based on scholarship, achievement, service to community, and financial need. May be renewable up to four years. See Maine Community Foundation’s website.

Maude MacKenzie Scholarship through the Maine Federation of Women's Club

Cushman Scholarship Fund - For Hancock County residents pursuing post-secondary education in the medical or Christian education fields. See the Maine Community Foundation website.

Edith M. Daso and Llewellyn Barry Scholarship Trusts - for graduates of MDIHS who do not reside on MDI, with preference to students ranked in the top 75% of the class. See the Maine Community Foundation website.

Emily Trussell Stupak Scholarship Fund - for graduating seniors in Penobscot, Piscataquis, and Hancock Counties furthering their education AND who have a demonstrated passion for a particular athletic pursuit. See Maine Community Foundation’s website.

Herbert Wardle, Jr. Fund - to support (in priority order) of MDIHS graduates, residents of MDI, residents of Hancock County, and residents of the State of Maine pursuing post-secondary education at the University of Maine in horticulture, landscape horticulture, botany, plant science and horticulture, landscape design, forestry, agriculture or a related field. This fund is intended to benefit students at the College of Natural Science, Forestry, and Agriculture.

For Graduates of MDIHS (See Guidance for information on these awards):

- **Edward Coles Memorial Scholarship** - for the MDIHS graduate chosen by schoolmates based on honorable, clean living, unselfish and considerate nature. See MDIHS Guidance.

- **Ellen H. Emery Scholarship Fund** - for MDIHS graduate pursuing post-secondary education at a Catholic college or university in the US. See MDIHS Guidance.

- **Arthur George Goodrich Scholarship Trust** - for MDIHS graduate. See MDIHS Guidance.

- **Doris K. Harding Scholarship Fund** - for MDIHS graduates pursuing health professions, especially nursing. See MDIHS Guidance.
• **Gretchen Behre Music Scholarship Fund** - for MDIHS graduates pursuing education in the field of music. See MDIHS Guidance.

• **Iveney Scholarship** - for MDIHS graduates pursuing post-secondary or technical education. See MDIHS Guidance.

• **L.E. Menard Scholarship Fund** - for MDIHS graduates pursuing post-secondary education in the Maine Community College System, with a preference for students planning a career in a field that helps people. See MDIHS Guidance.

• **Margaret Harriman Dyer Scholarship Fund** - for MDIHS graduates seeking to further their education in music. (Preference to Bar Harbor residents) See MDIHS Guidance.

• **Oscar Thurston Memorial Scholarship Fund** - for male graduates of MDIHS seeking post-secondary vocational or technical education (preference to Tremont residents) See MDIHS Guidance.

• **Robert F. Rich Scholarship Fund** - for MDIHS graduates pursuing advancement in the maritime or shipbuilding trades. See MDIHS Guidance.

• **Shayne Worcester Memorial Scholarship** - for MDIHS graduates pursuing post-secondary education who have demonstrated improvement in track and field. See MDIHS Guidance.

**Waldo County**

**Ira Cobe Scholarship Fund** - for residents of Waldo County under the age of 23 who meet eligibility criteria to pursue post-secondary education. Preference given to second, third, and fourth year post-secondary students who may not have access to high school scholarship awards available to first year students. See Maine Community Foundation website.

**Cobe Hutchinson Center Program** - for Waldo County residents under the age of 23 who are first-time students at the Hutchinson Center, meet income eligibility criteria, and are taking a class to explore the possibility of furthering their education. Rolling application deadline, contact Amy Smith (amy.m.smith@maine.edu) at the Hutchinson Center.

**George Stewart Trust Fund** - for residents of Lincolnville, Waldo County, Knox County (in that order of priority) pursuing secondary education, with a preference for students in the field of horticulture. Must demonstrate financial need and a record of scholarship adequate for the educational program undertaken. Contact Camden Hills Regional High School Guidance.

**M. Alton French Scholarship Fund** - for residents of Lincolnville, Camden, Hope, Appleton, Rockport, Northport, and Islesboro (in that order of priority) pursuing post-secondary education. Grants made on the basis of financial need, record of scholarship, and promise of leadership. See Maine Community Foundation website.
Ralph Waning, Albert Faust Forestry & Agriculture Scholarship Fund - for residents (minimum 2 years) of Kennebec or Waldo Counties to support a student who has completed at least one year of college or technical school in forestry, agriculture, or natural resources in the US. See Maine Community Foundation website.

**For graduates of Islesboro Central School (see Jess Woods, Islesboro Guidance):**

- **Amistad Scholarship Fund** - for ICS graduates who are pursuing post-secondary education.

- **Ansley Bell Memorial Scholarship** - for ICS graduates who are pursuing post-secondary education.

- **Carl & Gwendolyn Hammar Memorial Scholarship Fund** - for ICS graduating seniors or recent graduates enrolled in an accredited community college, or high school valedictorians enrolled in an accredited college, university, or community college.

- **Dorothy Kinnicutt Parish Scholarship Fund** - for current and past ICS graduates who are pursuing post-secondary education.

- **Islesboro Combined Scholarship Fund** - for scholarship support to graduates and students of Islesboro Central School.

- **Islesboro Teachers' Association Scholarship Fund** - for ICS graduating seniors or graduates pursuing post-secondary education. Recipients must be permanent residents of Islesboro; magnet students must have attended three consecutive years at and graduated from ISC.

- **Ruth P. Field Scholarship Fund** - for ICS graduates who are either graduating seniors and residents of Islesboro requiring financial assistance to pursue full-time technical or vocational education or graduates who are residents of Islesboro and who require financial assistance for second, third, or fourth years of technical or vocational education.

**Knox County**

**George Stewart Trust Fund** - for residents of Lincolnville, Waldo County, Knox County (in that order of priority) pursuing secondary education, with a preference for students in the field of horticulture. Must demonstrate financial need and a record of scholarship adequate for the educational program undertaken. Contact Camden Hills Regional High School Guidance.

**Joseph & Dorothy Headley Scholarship Fund** - for students (age 35 and under) who have been residents of Vinalhaven at least three years who are pursuing post-secondary education.
Criteria include good character, good citizenship, financial need, and ambition. See Maine Community Foundation website.

Carol and David Worthington Scholarship - for graduating students from Oceanside High School and Camden Hills Regional High School attending all branches of the university of Maine system and the Maine community college system, as well as Maine Maritime Academy and Husson University. Award is up to $3,000 per year. See Maine Community Foundation website.

**Partners in Island Education Fund** - for Vinalhaven students. Contact Julie Shane, Partners in Island Education, for more information.

**Partners in Island Education’s Odgen/Chaffey Scholarship** - for Vinalhaven students. Established in the spring of 2010 with a generous donation from Ms. Mary Jean Ogden, long-time summer resident of Vinalhaven, the Ogden Chaffey scholarship is a one-time award of $1000. Two of these scholarships are awarded to the highest scored students attending a 2-year, 1-year or vocational program. If there are no students in the applicant pool for one of those programs, the scholarships are awarded to the students attending a 4-year school who have the 2nd and 3rd highest scores. In creating this scholarship, Ms. Ogden hoped to inspire donors to give gifts that keep on giving by donating to PIE’s endowment.

**Lincoln County**

*For graduates of Medomak Valley High School or Lincoln Academy, contact your Guidance office for scholarship opportunities.*

**Cumberland County**

**Eighth Maine Regiment Memorial Association Scholarship** – for graduating high school seniors who are residents of Peaks Island, attend high school in the Portland area, and are furthering their education. The association offers a $500.00 dollar scholarship. The scholarship requires a five-hundred-word essay, the theme is described in the application. Also required is a letter of recommendation from a teacher or counselor, and a letter from a person or organization that is familiar with the applicant’s community service. Applications will be available at the Peaks Island Library on December 1st of the current year and must be submitted by March 1st of the following year.

Submit applications to:

Eight Maine Regiment Memorial Association  
C/O Carol Knapp  
1373 Gardenia Drive  
Barefoot Bay, Florida 32976

Any questions: E-mail: Mainecamp@icloud.com  Tel: 772-663-1477
Stephen L. Ross Scholarship Fund - for graduating high school senior or a student enrolled in the first year of post-secondary education or training. Applicants must have been residents of Chebeague Island for at least six consecutive months preceding May 1 of the year for which an award is sought. In 2014 the Board of Directors voted to establish a special award honoring the service of long time fund president, Kenneth Hamilton. The Kenneth Hamilton Education Award will be awarded from time to time for those students entering the field of education, in their 3rd or 4th year of post-secondary education. See Maine Community Foundation website.

Chet Jordan Leadership Award Fund - for graduating seniors from Deering, Cheverus, Greely, Portland, Yarmouth (and others) who are achieving their goals despite hardship, adversity, or disability. Recipients will demonstrate leadership, independent thinking, initiative and hard work in their communities and schools. Academic excellence is not a prerequisite, but demonstrated compassion, dependability and resilience are. Recipients may apply for renewal consideration throughout their post-secondary education up to a total maximum lifetime award of $10,000. See Maine Community Foundation website.

Peaks Island Health Center Clam Shell Relay Race Scholarship – for Peaks Island residents who are recent high school graduates or adults pursuing a healthcare occupation. The Peaks Island Health Center awards $1,000 scholarship. Scholarships are presented to TWO Peaks Island residents yearly who are pursuing a healthcare occupation through an accredited academic program. Scholarships are given to recent high school graduates or adults entering this career path. Healthcare occupations include but not limited to the following: Nurse, Doctor, Medical Assistant, x-ray Technologist, Phlebotomist, Nutritionist, Medical Social Worker, Physical or Occupational Therapist or EMT. Additional information and the application can be obtained on the Peaks Island Health Center website, or by contacting Dr. Chuck Radis, cradis@maine.rr.com or Stephanie Castle, sealights99@aol.com

For graduates of Greely High School (Chebeague Students):

- Berkeley-Hutchins Scholarship Fund - for a Greely graduating senior pursuing post-secondary education. Selection based on academic achievement, athletic achievement in at least two sports, financial need, intellectual curiosity and a love of reading. See Greely High School Guidance.

For graduates of Yarmouth High School (Chebeague Students):

- Billy Brown Sports Award - for a graduating senior at Yarmouth High School with a passion for sports, nominated by a coach. See Yarmouth High School Guidance.

- Kenneth M. Roberts Scholarship Fund - for graduates of Yarmouth High School attending post-secondary education at a two- or four-year college. Preference for a graduate who has demonstrated an exemplary commitment to excellence in curricular and extracurricular endeavors and who shows promise and interest in making a positive
difference in the lives of others through education, coaching or public service. See Yarmouth High School Guidance.

- **Leland R. Dahlgren Scholarship Fund** - for graduates of Yarmouth High School with strong preference for students pursuing study in the building trades - earthwork, HVAC, electrical, architecture, mechanical/structural engineering, carpentry, masonry, and plumbing, at a two- or four-year college or university. See Yarmouth High School Guidance.

*For graduates of Portland High School (Peaks, Long, Cliff, Great Diamond):*

- **Ted and Audrey Rand Memorial Scholarship Fund** - for graduating seniors at Portland High School from the Casco Bay islands including Peaks, Little Diamond, Great Diamond, Long, Chebeague and Cliff Islands. Recipients will be students who demonstrate a sense of civic responsibility, strong moral character, a solid work ethic, participation in extracurricular or community activities, high academic achievement, and financial need. See Portland High School Guidance.

- **Ray Jones Memorial Scholarship Fund** - for graduating seniors at Portland High School who are active members of the school community through their participation in either hockey or the arts. Preference will be given to hardworking students with average grades who have a strong record of community service. See Portland High School Guidance.

- **David K. Silverman Fund** - for two graduating seniors at Portland High School who demonstrate academic achievement and financial need. See Portland High School Guidance.

- **Hibbard Family Scholarship Fund** - for graduates of Portland High School pursuing post-secondary education:
  
  o **One in support of graduates of Portland High School who are pursuing post-secondary education at a four-year liberal arts college or university.** The scholarship is available to graduating seniors and is renewable for each post-graduate year. Portland High School graduates already attending college are also eligible. Eligible applicants are students who are passionate life-long learners who are able to articulate their demonstrated love of learning in the essay submitted with their application. They must have achieved a GPA of 88 or higher during their tenure at Portland High School.

  o **One in support of graduates of Portland High School who are pursuing post-secondary education at Southern Maine Community College and who plan to major in the building trades.** The scholarship is available to graduating seniors and is renewable for each post-graduate year. Portland High School graduates already attending SMCC are also eligible. Eligible applicants must have achieved a GPA of 80 or higher during their tenure at Portland High School. See Portland High School Guidance.
For graduates of Deering High School (Peaks, Long, Cliff, Great Diamond):


- **Dr. John and Alice Madigan Fund** - for graduating high school seniors at Deering pursuing post-secondary education at the University of Maine or at USM, who have demonstrated academic achievement (GPA 3.0 or higher), leadership in extracurricular activities, and a solid work ethic. See Maine Community Foundation website.

- **Women's Literacy Union Scholarship** - for female graduating seniors at Cheverus, Deering, and Falmouth High Schools. See your Guidance Department.

For graduates of Cheverus High School:

- **Women's Literacy Union Scholarship** - for female graduating seniors at Cheverus, Deering, and Falmouth High Schools. See your Guidance Department.

**General Scholarship Searches**

- Maine Community Foundation
- Finance Authority of Maine (FAME)
- Chegg Scholarships
- Fastweb
- Big Future by College Board
- College Answer by Sallie Mae
- College Express
- College Greenlight
- Acing Your Scholarship Search (FAME) Video

**Summer Camp/Study Abroad Scholarships**

**Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship Program**

The U.S. Department of State’s Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship is a grant program that enables students of limited financial means to study or intern abroad, thereby gaining skills critical to our national security and economic competitiveness.

The Gilman Scholarship Program is open to U.S. citizen undergraduate students who are receiving Federal Pell Grant funding at a two-year or four-year college or university to participate in study and intern abroad programs worldwide.

**Boren Scholarship**

Boren Scholarships, an initiative of the National Security Education Program, provide unique funding opportunities for U.S. undergraduate students to study less commonly taught
languages in world regions critical to U.S. interests, and underrepresented in study abroad, including Africa, Asia, Central and Eastern Europe, Eurasia, Latin America, and the Middle East. The countries of Western Europe, Canada, Australia, and New Zealand are excluded. Boren Scholars represent a vital pool of highly motivated individuals who wish to work in the federal national security arena. In exchange for funding, Boren Scholars commit to working in the federal government for at least one year after graduation.

**Critical Language Scholarship**
The Critical Language Scholarship (CLS) Program is a fully funded summer overseas language and cultural immersion program for American undergraduate and graduate students. With the goal of broadening the base of Americans studying and mastering critical languages and building relationships between the people of the United States and other countries, CLS provides opportunities to a diverse range of students from across the United States at every level of language learning.

**Freeman-Asia (study abroad in Asia)**
The Freeman-ASIA program is designed to support U.S.-based undergraduates with demonstrated financial need who are planning to study abroad in East or Southeast Asia. The program’s goal is to increase the number of U.S. citizens and permanent residents with first-hand exposure to and understanding of Asia and its peoples and cultures.

**Friends of TEIA** – for Peaks Island students.
The FRIENDS OF TEIA is a tax-exempt charitable organization founded in 2002 when we recognized the need to have more year-round Peaks Island children involved in TEIA’s summer camp programs. Our mission is to offer “camperships” to our island children so that they may have the opportunity to participate in TEIA’s summer educational programs of sailing, tennis, kid’s camp or pre-teen programs. We are a community-based organization. Through the generosity of Peaks Islanders, TEIA members and local businesses, Friends has provided annual “camperships” to scores of island children who enjoy learning new skill, enhancing old skills and making new friends.

For information please contact Stephanie at sealights99@aol.com

**Partners in Island Education’s Student Travel and Education Scholarship** - for Vinalhaven students. Thanks to the generosity of an anonymous summer family, PIE is able to offer a new scholarship to help students pay for educational programs and travel opportunities. The one-time gifts range in amounts of up to $2500. Scholarship application deadlines are January 15th and May 15th of each year.

**Partners in Island Education’s Experiment in International Living Scholarship** - for Vinalhaven students. Another exciting new scholarship opportunity! In partnership with The Experiment, PIE is offering a scholarship to ONE high school student per year who applies and is accepted into The Experiment summer program. PIE will contribute $2500 and The Experiment will contribute $2500 to this scholarship, making a total of $5000.