

University of Maine System
2014 Adult Degree Completion Scholarship
Application

The Adult Degree Completion Scholarship is intended to assist students who are returning to higher education after an absence of three years or more and who are completing their first baccalaureate degree.

Name of Applicant: _____

Student Identification: _____

Address: _____

Are you a resident of the state of Maine? YES NO

Phone number: (home) _____ (cell) _____

E-mail address: _____

Name of previous college and semesters attended: _____

Semester and year accepted or readmitted to a university of the University of Maine System: _____

Which Institution/University have you been accepted/re-admitted to:

Have you completed/will you complete the FAFSA for 2014-2015? YES NO <https://fafsa.ed.gov/>

Have you completed prior college credit? YES NO How many credits: _____*

Have you included a statement outlining your ability to pay and your financial resources available for education? YES NO

**Prior College Credit: If you have not already submitted a transcript to admissions or received credit from an institution outside of the University of Maine System, please attach a transcript to your application.*

Applicants must meet the following criteria in order to receive the scholarship:

- Must be a matriculated student at a UMS institution seeking a first baccalaureate degree.
- Must be a resident of the state of Maine.
- Must be an undergraduate reentry student who has experienced a gap (three years or more) in the pursuit of post-secondary education at any institution. Students who returned to higher education beginning in Fall 2013 or more recently will be considered.
- Must demonstrate financial need as determined by a completed FAFSA and/or statement outlining ability to pay/financial resources available for education.
- Must be registered at least part time (6-8 credits per semester (Fall and Spring) or 9-12 credits total for the two semesters). Students enrolled in fewer credits will be considered on a case by case basis.

Steps to Apply for this Scholarship:

1. Complete the Adult Degree Completion Scholarship Application
2. Write a short statement of no more than 1-2 pages which addresses the following:
 - What is your goal in returning to college?
 - What motivates you to complete this goal and how will the scholarship help you achieve your educational goal?

In answering these questions, describe or give examples of how your perseverance has made a difference in your achievement of goals.

3. Required for those who do not submit a FAFSA: Submit a brief statement of financial need and summarize financial resources that are available to you for educational purposes. If you are currently in default due to an educational loan, please discuss.

There will be three award cycles for this scholarship: *May 8, August 1 and December 1*. Priority will be given to applicants who submit completed application packets (application and essay) by 4:30pm on either Thursday, May 8, Friday, August 1, 2014 or Monday, December 1, 2014.

Applicants should submit their packets to:

**Chief Student Affairs Officer
University of Maine System
16 Central Street
Bangor, Maine 04401
Email: adulthooddegrees@gmail.com**

Scholarship Details:

- Applicant must meet all criteria at the time of the scholarship award decision.
- Incomplete applications will not be considered.
- The minimum award is \$1000. This scholarship is intended to assist students in completing their degree; depending upon credits earned to date, scholarship amounts will typically vary up to a maximum of \$4000 annually.
- Scholarship funds can only be used to pay for tuition and mandatory fees (fees covered can include any fees associated with prior learning assessment).
- When appropriate, scholarships will be renewable annually. Student must be enrolled continuously and maintain satisfactory academic progress for continuation.