

# Scholarships and Financial Resources



To qualify for the following University of Maine System (UMS) Scholarships, students:

- Must be a resident of the state of Maine.
- Must be a matriculated student in a University of Maine System degree or credential program.
- Must be registered at least part time: six to eight credits per semester.
- Must be considered an independent student and demonstrate financial need, as identified by the FAFSA.
- Maintain continuous enrollment and GPA of 2.0 or higher for renewed funding

## Adult Degree Completion Scholarship

- Must be an undergraduate reentry student who has experienced a gap (three years or more) in the pursuit of post-secondary education.
- Must have a minimum of 30 credits earned from any institution toward your degree.

## Opening Doors Scholarship

- Must be a newly enrolled student pursuing a bachelors or associates degree; OR seeking a credential in a high demand field as identified by the Maine Department of Labor

## Additional Financial Resources

- Native American Waiver
- Veteran Waivers
- Senior Citizen Waiver
- Institutional Scholarships
- OSHER New Beginnings Scholarship
- Financial Wellness Support
- Higher Opportunities for Pathways to Employment (HOPE) Program
- Build HOPE program
- Maine Competitive Skills Scholarship Program
- Maine Community Foundation Adult Learner Scholarship
- Finance Authority of Maine (FAME) scholarships



For more information, contact the UMS Student Success Center:

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# UMS Small Debt Forgiveness



The University of Maine System (UMS) Small Debt Forgiveness Program erases small past balances for students wanting to obtain a degree/credential.

## Criteria

Students must:

- Have a past due balance of \$2,500 or less owed at a UMS campus
- Be a Maine resident
- Be taking at least 6 credits towards a degree or certificate program
- Be considered Independent on the FAFSA
- Have at least a 2 year gap between college attempts



## Requirements

Students work with a UMS Success Coach, in conjunction with a campus academic advisor and other student support staff, to create a plan and to stay on track towards their goal.

## How It Works

One half of the prior debt will be forgiven after one successfully completed semester. The second half will be forgiven after the successful completion of the second consecutive semester.

