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## **Scholarships Awarded by the SMCC Financial Aid Office**

- **Bernard Osher Scholarship**

The Bernard Osher Scholarship is a one-time tuition scholarship which is awarded to Maine residents, who are enrolled full-time (12 credits or more per semester), who have financial need and are in good standing (GPA of 2.5 or better). Recipients must complete a FAFSA and maintain a 2.5 cumulative GPA to retain eligibility for the scholarship. This is a non-renewable scholarship and is typically \$500 per semester depending on available funding. Many students may qualify for awards, but due to limited funding, all eligible students will not receive awards. (A separate application is not required to be considered for this scholarship.)

- **Osher Scholarship for First- Year Liberal Studies**

This scholarship is granted to first-year students who are Maine residents taking up to six credits and who have accumulated no more than 24 college credits. All recipients must complete a FAFSA, be pursuing an Associate of Arts in Liberal Studies, be a Maine resident and have financial need. Scholarship amounts vary but may pay for tuition costs of up to 6 credits. Many students may qualify for awards, but due to limited funding, all eligible students will not receive awards. (A separate application is not required to be considered for this scholarship.)

- **Osher Scholarship for Rural Communities**

This is a one-time tuition scholarship awarded to Maine Residents living in a rural community who are enrolled at least half-time and in good academic standing. Recipients must complete a FAFSA. Awards are made based on MCCS rural community guidelines. Awards are typically \$500 per semester depending on available funding. Many students may qualify for awards, but due to limited funding, all eligible students will not receive awards. (A separate application is not required to be considered for this scholarship.)

- **Maine State Gaming Funds**

Scholarship funding available to Maine residents with financial need. Selection criteria varies. These scholarships include but are not limited to Student Success, Summer Success, General Success, Path to Graduation and Path through Math. Funding for these scholarship is limited and award amounts may vary. Students who may meet the criteria for individual scholarships are contacted and

encouraged to apply. (A separate application is not required to be considered for this scholarship.)

- **Rural Initiative Child Care Scholarship**

Established by the Maine Community College System, this scholarship is intended to assist eligible student with child care expenses. The child care must be provided by a licensed child care provider or by family, friend, or neighbor. The caregiver must not live in the same household as the scholarship recipient. The student may be enrolled full or part time, in credit or non-credit courses leading to a credential, and may be matriculated or non-matriculated. To be considered for the scholarship, the student must be a Maine resident living in a rural community (as defined by the MCCS), be in need of financial assistance, have completed Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), and must submit a completed "Rural Initiative Child Care Scholarship" to the SMCC Financial Aid Office (typically made available on MySMCC beginning in May).