

Scholarships Available Through The Southern Maine Community College Foundation, The Maine Community College System, and The Foundation for Maine's Community Colleges

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Apply for these scholarships by completing the SMCC Foundation Scholarship application. Students will be notified of the scholarship cycle opening at their school email.

*Please note: *Not all scholarships are available every year. Subject to available funds and eligibility.*

AAA Northern New England Scholarship – MCCC System-Wide

Administered by the Maine Community College System, this award supports a full-time student majoring in Automotive Technology who is a Maine resident, demonstrates good moral character, financial need, and the desire for a career in the automotive technology industry.

Acadia Insurance Business Scholarship – MCCC System-Wide

Awarded to a full-time Business Administration major who has completed 30 credit hours or more.

Preference is given to a student who expresses interest in entering the insurance industry after graduation.

Al & Eleanor George Endowed Scholarship

Established through a bequest to the Maine Community College System in 2005, this scholarship is awarded to Maine residents with financial need and academic merit enrolled in a health care program of study.

Alexander Scholarship

The Alexander Scholarship is funded by the Walbridge Family. This scholarship honors the memory of the donors' son, a bright and creative young man who was an aspiring writer, videographer, and comedian. The scholarship supports nontraditional, full-time, single parents. Academic merit and financial need are considered.

Alice Kern Scholarship

Supports students with academic merit and financial need with a preference for Deering High School graduates.

Altrusa International Vocational Scholarship

Altrusa International of Portland, ME Inc. is one of over 360 clubs in local communities across 11 countries. The focus of the international organization is Literacy, with local scholarships as a primary way of forwarding that mission in the Portland Club.

Anonymous Scholarship

A 2022 gift from a long-time SMCC donor, this Anonymous Scholarship is designed to be awarded over a period of 10 years to SMCC students majoring in the trades.

Boyne Family Scholarship

Established by the Boyne Family, this scholarship is awarded to continuing students in the nursing program who demonstrate financial need.

Brian C. Thayer Scholarship

The Maine Community College System Board of Trustees provides this scholarship for \$1,000 in memory of Brian C. Thayer in recognition of his dedication and commitment to the students he served for nine years as a Trustee for the MCCS. The scholarship is awarded to a Maine resident with financial need, in good standing, enrolled in 12 or more credits in their second year, and who has overcome barriers to enroll in college (as determined by the college).

Bruce Bornstein Family Scholarship

This endowed scholarship was established in 2019 in honor of Bruce Bornstein and is awarded annually to students with financial need in the SMCC trade programs.

Building Construction Scholarship

Awarded to Construction Technology majors based on financial need and academic merit.

Captain Daniel Cashman Scholarship

The Cashman family established this award in memory of New York City Police Department Captain Daniel Cashman, and it reflects the family's commitment to law enforcement, including three sons presently serving as local and federal officers. This scholarship is awarded to Criminal Justice students based on financial need and academic merit.

Carl H. Arnold Scholarship

This fund supports multicultural students with high financial need, particularly those who are working to support themselves and their families here or abroad.

Carl R. Flink Memorial Scholarship

Friends and family of the late Carl R. Flink endowed this scholarship in his memory. For over thirty years, Carl served as department chair, instructor, and in numerous capacities at SMVTI, including Director of the Energy Testing Lab. The scholarship is awarded to Heating, Air Conditioning, and Plumbing students.

Casco Bay Bluefin Bonanza Lindsey Withers Memorial Scholarship

Established in 2023 in memory of Captain Lindsey Withers, this scholarship is awarded to students in the Emergency Medical Services/Paramedicine program with preference to students who are licensed EMTs from a rural municipal or regional first responder program.

Casco Bay Bluefin Bonanza Scholarship

For a full-time, continuing student in a trade or marine science program with a grade point average of 2.5 or above, a U.S. citizen, and a Maine citizen who is eligible for financial aid and has financial need. Priority should be given to partial-Pell and non-Pell eligible or Maine State Grant funded students with need. The scholarship award should not negatively impact or reduce the recipient's overall financial aid package.

Chet E. Wiles Memorial Scholarship

The Chet Wiles Memorial Scholarship was established to serve as a legacy to his commitment to the training and education of Maine firefighters. The scholarship is given to Fire Science students and fire department members, with priority given to applicants from resource-poor communities and fire departments facing financial barriers to attendance. The award is based on financial need and academic merit.

Chief Byron Rogers Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship was established in honor of Chief Byron Rogers. This scholarship supports students in the fire science program.

Colonel Robert Marx Scholarship

Madelyn Marx established this scholarship in honor of her husband, Colonel Robert Marx, to advance the careers of Maine police officers who will follow in his footsteps. This scholarship supports students in the criminal justice program.

Communications and New Media Program Scholarship

This scholarship is funded by the generosity of supporters of the Communication and New Media Program. The award supports continuing students in the CNM program.

Darcy Wakefield Memorial Scholarship Fund

Established in memory of faculty member Darcy Wakefield, this award supports a female student with academic merit who will be transferring to another institution to further her education.

Daryl P. Wells Memorial Scholarship

This endowed scholarship was established by the Augusta Fire Department and Professional Firefighters' Local 1650 in memory of SMTC Fire Science student and professional firefighter, Daryl P. Wells, who was fatally injured during a fire training exercise. The Daryl P. Wells Fire Station in Augusta, Maine, is named in his honor. The scholarship is awarded to Fire Science students based on financial need and academic merit.

Donald E. Woodward Memorial Scholarship

The Donald E. Woodward Memorial Scholarship was established by family members in memory of SMCC Professor Donald E. Woodward. Professor Woodward was a visionary and one of the founders of the New Media department. This award recognizes academic achievement for a full-time second-year student in the Communications & New Media program.

Douglas W. Christopherson Memorial Scholarship

Irene Harford established this scholarship in memory of her friend, Douglas Christopherson, with funds he left in a bequest to her. Ms. Harford established the Douglas W Christopherson Memorial Scholarship to honor her late friend, who was a self-made architect. The scholarship is to be used to annually award one \$1500 scholarship to a student in the Architecture and Engineering program until the funds run out.

Dr. John Fitzsimmons President Emeritus Scholarship

This scholarship, provided through the Foundation for Maine's Community Colleges, covers tuition and course-related fees for a deserving student from Falmouth, Maine, attending one of Maine's Community Colleges.

Engineering Program Scholarship

This scholarship is funded by a grant from the McCulloch Family Fund of the Maine Community Foundation and awarded to a student in engineering or a related field with demonstrated financial need.

Estate of Franklin Talbot Scholarship

Franklin Talbot, a librarian for many years, established this scholarship by leaving the SMCC Foundation (and many other Portland area nonprofits) a very generous bequest in his will.

Fistal Family EMS Scholarship

The Fistal Family EMS Scholarship was established in 2015 by Mayer and Sheri Fistal. In 2006, they moved from New Jersey to Falmouth, Maine, into a brand-new house that was destroyed by fire three months later. Mayer, a fire-EMS volunteer for over 50 years, and Sheri, a nurse, established this scholarship to honor their fellow firefighters and emergency medical responders who came to their assistance. The scholarship makes an award each year to a paramedicine student with financial need.

Fistal Family Fire Science Scholarship

The Fistal Family Fire Science Scholarship was established in 2015 by Mayer and Sheri Fistal. In 2006, they moved from New Jersey to Falmouth, Maine, into a brand-new house that was destroyed by fire three months later. Mayer, a fire-EMS volunteer for over 50 years, and Sheri, a nurse, established this scholarship to honor their fellow firefighters and emergency medical responders who came to their assistance. The scholarship makes an award each year to a fire science student with financial need.

Fistal Family Nursing Scholarship

Established in 2023, this scholarship is awarded to a nursing student based on the student's application, financial need, and the recommendation of the faculty members in the student's program.

Flahive Family Scholarship

Dr. William Flahive is a past president of Washington County Community College and was an instructor and the Dean of the Continuing Education Division at SMCC for more than twenty years. This scholarship, given in memory of his parents, Charles B. and Anna May Samson Flahive, is awarded to a student in the Construction Technology Program and is based on financial need and academic merit.

Forest C. Hodgkin Memorial Scholarship

The Forest Hodgkin Memorial Scholarship is given in memory of Forest C. Hodgkin, a 1967 graduate of SMVTI and recipient of the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Bronze Star. He died in service to his country during the Vietnam War. The award is given to an Automotive Technology student based on financial need and academic merit.

Frank Morong Scholarship

This scholarship is given in honor of Frank Morong, a former full-time faculty member at SMCC, and is awarded to a single parent with financial need.

Frank P. Preti Memorial Integrated Manufacturing Scholarship

Frank P. Preti was a well-known Portland attorney and a 1916 National Champion Cross Country Runner. Fifty percent of these scholarships are given to students with academic merit in the Integrated Manufacturing Technology Program. The other fifty percent of this scholarship is awarded in the spring to the Most Valuable Participants in each of the intercollegiate sports teams at SMCC.

Gene Haas Scholarship

The Gene Haas Foundation provides scholarships to community colleges and other educational institutions that help build skills within the machining industry.

George L. Marshall Memorial Scholarship

An annual award to a Maine student in the Precision Machining & Manufacturing program with academic merit and financial need.

Gordon Fund

This scholarship is awarded to students with financial need.

Gorrill Palmer Scholarship

This endowed scholarship is awarded annually to a Maine resident, full-time architectural and engineering design student with a 3.0 GPA and financial need.

Governor James B. Longley Memorial Scholarship

The Governor James B. Longley Scholarship is awarded annually in memory of the late Governor to a Maine resident who has succeeded as a student despite personal adversity. The scholarship is supported by an annual donation from the Governor James B. and Helen W. Longley Foundation.

Harold Hedlund Memorial Scholarship

The Harold Hedlund Memorial Scholarship is awarded to a student with financial need.

J. Kelton Scholarship

Established by Josh Kelton to provide support for students working to enter the field of manufacturing. Scholarships are awarded to students with financial need majoring in manufacturing, with a preference for full-time students.

James Johnson Automotive Scholarship

The James Johnson Automotive Scholarship was established by an anonymous donor in memory of James Johnson, who served as founder and long-term faculty chair of the Automotive Technology program. The award is given to a student from Maine based on financial need and academic merit.

Joan Rooney Connors Scholarship

Established in honor of Joan Rooney Connors by her family, this scholarship is awarded to a student in the Dietetic Technology program based on financial need and academic merit.

Lafayette Hotels/Holiday Inn by the Bay Scholarship in Honor of Gus Tillman and Peter Daigle

Established in 2011, this award, administered by the Foundation for Maine's Community Colleges, honors Gus Tillman and Peter Daigle for their many years of service to the hospitality industry in Maine. The recipient will be a second-year student enrolled in the Lodging and Restaurant Management program.

Longfellow Garden Club Scholarship

This scholarship is awarded to Horticulture program students who have financial need.

Maine Association of Broadcasters Scholarship

The Maine Broadcasters Foundation provides funding for the Maine Association of Broadcasters Scholarship, which supports students who are pursuing a career in broadcast television engineering. The award is given to a Communications & New Media student from Maine.

Maine Eye & Ear Alumni Association Scholarship

This scholarship is awarded to students in the nursing program who demonstrate academic merit and financial need.

Maine Fire Chiefs' Association Scholarship

An endowed scholarship created by the Maine Fire Chiefs' Association, this award is given to a fire science student in good standing who is making satisfactory academic progress.

Maine Higher Education Assistance Foundation Scholarship

This scholarship is awarded to full-time continuing students with financial need and academic merit through the Maine Community College System.

Mary Louise Williams Haskell Scholarship

Just before her death, Mary Louise Williams Haskell established an endowed scholarship to benefit continuing Early Childhood Education students. Ms. Haskell was passionate in her belief that a person's early childhood experience and education are the foundation for a happy and successful life.

Mary Reid Memorial Scholarship

Established by a very generous bequest in the will of Mary L. Reid, this scholarship has been supporting SMCC students since 1995.

MEMIC Scholarship

For training and academic courses for new Mainers and/or Maine veterans. Specific award amounts to be determined by the financial aid office, but should not exceed \$1,000 per student.

Morse High School Alumni Scholarship

The Morse High School Scholarship Committee gives SMCC funds to award to graduates of Morse High School to help pay tuition costs.

Normand R Dubreuil Scholarship

Recipients must be residents of Maine; Maine State Credit Union membership is not required although encouraged; scholarship awards should be based on individual need, not FAFSA based, and at the discretion of the financial aid office for tuition; scholarship awards towards trades and technology preferred; and recipients agree that the Maine State Credit Union may use their name for the purpose of promoting Maine State Credit Union community goodwill bowl-a-thon.

Oakhurst Dairy Scholarship

These awards are given in memory of Donald H. Bennett, former Oakhurst President and greater Portland civic leader. Awards support students with financial need and academic merit in Culinary Arts, Dietetic Technology and Lodging and Restaurant Management.

Patriot Education Fund Endowed Scholarship

The Foundation for Maine's Community Colleges provides these awards to support students studying business who intend to pursue a bachelor's degree, preferably in insurance/risk management.

Peter L. Rines MFSI Fire Instructor Fire Officer Scholarship

This scholarship is for Maine firefighters to receive noncredit tuition assistance in attending the Maine Fire Service Institute Fire Officer and Fire Instructor certification programs.

Pleasantdale Hose Company Three Memorial Scholarship

This endowed scholarship is established in memory of all who served the Pleasantdale Hose Company Three from 1893 to 2015. It is intended for full and part-time students in any public safety degree program.

Ralph B “Skip” Willis & Gorham Savings Bank Scholarship

Established in 2011, this award, administered by the Foundation for Maine’s Community Colleges, will support students enrolling in the engineering program at SMCC’s Midcoast Campus who intend to transfer to the University of Maine to obtain a bachelor’s degree.

Redmond Family Foundation General Scholarship

The Redmond Family Foundation Scholarship supports students with financial need and academic merit majoring in the trades. Dan and Elinor Redmond were inspired to establish this scholarship based on a chance encounter with an inspiring SMCC Culinary Arts student who was working as a cashier at a local supermarket, along with multiple other jobs, in order to save enough money to return to SMCC.

Redmond Family Foundation Scholarship for Culinary

The Redmond Family Foundation Culinary Scholarship supports students with financial need and academic merit majoring in culinary arts. Dan and Elinor Redmond were inspired to establish this scholarship based on a chance encounter with an inspiring SMCC Culinary Arts student who was working as a cashier at a local supermarket, along with multiple other jobs, in order to save enough money to return to SMCC.

Refrigeration Service Engineers Society of Maine Scholarship

The Dirigo Chapter of the Refrigeration Service Engineers Society established this endowed scholarship to provide tuition support to a senior student(s) in the RACH (These funds are held at MCCC).

Richard Churchill Scholarship

This endowed scholarship was established to honor Richard Churchill, Department chair and instructor in the Plant and Soil Technology Program from 1972 until 1998. He was an industry leader and helped to develop ornamental horticulture in Southern Maine. These funds are held at MCCC and awarded to a Horticulture student with academic merit and financial need who does not receive state or federal funding.

Riley Family Scholarship

This scholarship is established as an endowed scholarship for students in the Hospitality Management degree program with financial need.

Robert & Betty Chamberlain Scholarship

This scholarship is intended to provide tuition and other expenses to support a student with financial need in a medical science or related field.

Robert (Bob) Harriman Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship is established as an annual scholarship to benefit students at SMCC.

Roger K. Williams Foundation Scholarship

Established in 2021 by the Roger K. Williams Foundation, this scholarship is for full-time Applied Technology, Health Sciences, or Public Safety degree program students who are Maine residents and have financial need.

Rotary Club South Portland & Cape Elizabeth Vocational Scholarship

The Education Committee of the South Portland & Cape Elizabeth Rotary Club supports SMCC students with financial need and academic merit.

Scarborough Garden Club Scholarship

This scholarship is made available by the generosity of the Scarborough Garden Club and supports SMCC horticulture students.

SMCC Emergency Housing Assistance Grant

Established in 2023 by the Foundation Board, this scholarship helps support students who are facing housing insecurity so they may continue their education. Grants will be awarded through the Dean of

Students' office and only to students who are facing imminent homelessness and are actively working with the office to seek long-term housing.

SMCC Extra Mile Fund

Established in 2022 by the Foundation Board, this fund provides emergency financial support to matriculated and non-matriculated students experiencing unexpected financial difficulties. Non-matriculated students include non-degree seeking students and participants in short-term, noncredit training programs. Consideration is based on available funding and board committee approval.

SMCC Foundation Scholarship

These scholarships are awarded to deserving students, as funds are available.

SMCC L. Joe VanWhy School of Hospitality

Established in 2023, this scholarship will be used to support a hospitality faculty position.

Society of Manufacturing Engineers Scholarship

Scholarships are awarded to students with financial need majoring in Precision Machining & Manufacturing and Pre-Engineering.

Stephen G. Hasson Scholarship

The Stephen G. Hasson Scholarship was established in 1995 in honor of Steve “Gig” Hasson upon his retirement as State Fire Administrator at SMCC. This scholarship is awarded to full-time Fire Science students who demonstrate interest and involvement in the area of fire and life safety education and community risk reduction. This award is based upon financial need and academic merit.

Sterling Kozlowski Scholarship

An endowed scholarship awarded through the Foundation for Maine's Community Colleges to SMCC students with demonstrated financial need and a preference for students with a commitment to community service and/or campus student involvement.

Steve Willis Fire & EMS Scholarship

This scholarship is established as an annual scholarship for Fire Science and Emergency Medical Services/Paramedicine degree students at Southern Maine Community College.

Sturdivant Island Tuna Tournament Scholarship

The Sturdivant Island Tuna Tournament Charitable Foundation is an independent, nonprofit organization committed to the purpose of raising and expending funds in support of educational scholarships to deserving individuals and giving charitable donations to those in need. They award two SMCC scholarships annually to Maine residents with academic merit and financial need.

Susan Baxter Faust Women in Science Scholarship

This award was established in 2011 in memory of Susan Baxter Faust, who enjoyed a lifelong career in the field of science/molecular biology. The scholarship supports women studying science at SMCC and is awarded to students in their second year who are committed to environmental stewardship and have academic merit and financial need.

The Agnes Lindsay Trust Scholarship

Is awarded to a resident from rural Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, or Vermont (rural is defined as a town of fewer than 15,000 inhabitants). The recipient must be financial aid eligible.

Thelma Swain Scholarship – SMCC Foundation

The Thelma Swain Scholarship is given to students enrolled in the Nursing program. Mrs. Swain has been a fan of Maine's Community Colleges since the 1950's at which time her late husband, Vernon, hired his first employee, who was an SMVTI graduate. Mrs. Swain has since endowed a scholarship at each of the seven colleges of the Maine Community College System.

Thelma Swain Scholarship - MCCC

This Thelma Swain Scholarship is given to students enrolled in the trades. Mrs. Swain has been a fan of Maine's Community Colleges since the 1950's at which time her late husband, Vernon, hired his first employee, who was an SMVTI graduate. Mrs. Swain has since endowed a scholarship at each of the seven colleges of the Maine Community College System. The awards go to Maine residents who are continuing students, with preference to students with academic merit and financial need.

Tim Carr Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship was created in memory of Tim Carr, a Southern Maine Community College faculty member in the Fire Science and Maine Fire Training & Education Department. Tim was also a career firefighter with the South Portland Fire Department, where he retired as captain. This award is given to a fire science student from a Maine Fire Department who demonstrates a strong academic effort and desire to succeed. Preference will be given to candidates with financial need.

Timothy D. Hagerman Scholarship

Timothy David Hagerman was a basketball player and member of the SMCC teams that won back-to-back Yankee Small College Conference Championships in 2007 and 2008. Hagerman's selfless attitude and willingness to do what needed to be done to give his team a win were his trademark attributes. He embodied the true meaning of school spirit, as he continued to be an avid fan as an alumnus. The Timothy D. Hagerman Scholarship award is to be given to a returning men's basketball player who puts his team before himself and is a positive member of the school community.

UTC Metal Trades Scholarship

The UTC Metal Trades Scholarship is funded by United Technologies Company, which is the parent company of Pratt & Whitney, located in North Berwick. The scholarship is awarded to promising Integrated Manufacturing Technology students, with preference given to Southern Maine residents.

Wendelken Completion Grant

The Wendelken Completion Grant was established by the Brooks Family Foundation to provide financial assistance to continuing students who are enrolled in 12 or more credits each semester, are Maine residents with financial need, have a GPA of 2.5 or greater, and who are living on campus in a residence hall. Preference is given to students from rural areas or who have demonstrated housing hardship.

William B. Schneider Memorial Scholarship

William B. Schneider had been a student in the culinary arts program. He passed July 6, 2012, in a car accident in Naples, Maine, in which he was the passenger. The Scholarship was established and funded by Will's family and friends to honor his memory and supports a student studying culinary arts.

William Murphy Memorial Scholarship

William F. Murphy was a community college student who went on to earn his Doctorate of Education from the University of Massachusetts. This scholarship is awarded to second-year students with financial need who are making satisfactory progress and enrolled in Early Childhood Education or Liberal Studies. Dr. Murphy retired as Dean Emeritus from the University of New Hampshire in 2004 and dedicated his career to encouraging adult learners to pursue higher education.

Wolcott S. Gaines Sr. Memorial Scholarship

The Gaines family awards this scholarship to a Criminal Justice student in the name of their father and grandfather, Wolcott S. (Bill) Gaines. Bill Gaines spent his life serving his country as a Marine L. Colonel, Maine State Police Lieutenant, and Chairman of the Law Enforcement Technology program at SMCC. Bill's dedication and commitment to work and family, and his stature as a role model, serve as the foundation for what a police officer should be. To those who knew him, Bill Gaines was a loyal and trusted friend who touched their lives.

Women's Board of the Maine General Hospital Scholarship

Fundraising events coordinated by the Women's Board provide generous scholarship support for nursing students with academic merit, with preference given to students who plan to work at Maine Medical Center.

Zoom Scholarship

These scholarships are awarded to SMCC automotive students who graduate from high school automotive programs at Maine Career and Technical Centers. Selected students will receive a \$1000 incentive scholarship to attend SMCC that will be applied to their first year's tuition, or to help them pay for tools. Upon completion of their first automotive certificate at SMCC, they will receive an additional \$500.