

Pulp and Paper Foundation Scholarships

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About UMaine

The University of Maine, founded in Orono in 1865, is the state's premier public university. It is among the most comprehensive higher education institutions in the Northeast and attracts students from across the U.S. and more than 60 countries. It currently enrolls 12,000 total undergraduate and graduate students who can directly participate in groundbreaking research working with world-class scholars. Students are offered 88 bachelor's degree programs, 64 master's degree programs, 25 doctoral programs and one of the oldest and most prestigious honors programs in the U.S. The university promotes environmental stewardship on its campus, with substantial efforts aimed at conserving energy, recycling and adhering to green building standards in new construction. For more information about UMaine, go online (umaine.edu). Equal opportunity information also is available online (umaine.edu/eo).

University Programs

Program Description

The University of Maine Pulp and Paper Foundation was established in 1950 to provide scholarships to qualified engineering students preparing for paper industry-related technical careers. Paper-related technical careers include working with paper industry producers as well as suppliers of chemicals, equipment and design services.

First-year student scholarships will be for full UMaine resident tuition, conditional on the student earning a 3.0 or greater grade point average while fully enrolled in the fall semester. Scholarships are renewable for the sophomore year and beyond, as long as grade requirements are met and interest in the pulp and paper industry is demonstrated.

The foundation offers scholarship recipients opportunities to meet paper industry mentors. While the foundation is not responsible for securing employment on behalf of students, it does help students find out where there is job demand and recommends specific people who may be helpful in locating employment. The foundation actively encourages students in their academic work by helping them utilize existing university resources.

The Pulp and Paper Foundation provides a liaison between industry representatives and faculty to ensure the curriculum offered meets industry needs. The foundation provides financial support to the Department of Chemical and Biological Engineering, allowing the department to offer a cooperative education work-study program that provides students with up to two pre-professional work experiences before they graduate.

The foundation's financial support comes from more than 60 companies located throughout the U.S. Its endowment is made up of more than 225 funds with all income used for scholarships.

Scholarship Applications

Scholarship applications are available on the Foundation's website at www.mainepulpaper.org, school guidance offices or by calling the Foundation office, 207-581-2298. Deadline for applications is Dec. 31. Scholarship applications are considered beginning in early January.

Successful scholarship applicants are typically ranked in the top 10 to 15 percent of their high school class and also have test scores in the top 10 to 15 percent of all test takers. However, these are general guidelines and not requirements. The selection committee places considerable emphasis on the student's development of an awareness of the career opportunities available in the pulp and paper and related supplier industries. Scholarship applicants also must demonstrate their ability to communicate orally in writing. Initial screening of applications is conducted on the Orono campus, with selected students invited to an interview with a representative of the foundation's Scholarship Committee at a mutually convenient location, usually near the student's home.

The foundation offers awards to up to 25 entering students. Additional scholarship awards are made annually to upper-class scholarship applicants.

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