

Merit Scholarship Program 2012–13

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Important Dates

Dec. 15 — Early Action Deadline

Date to have a complete application on file for priority consideration for Merit Awards and Honors College. Applications complete after this date will be considered on a funds-available, space-available basis.

Feb. 1 — First-year Priority Date

Regular admission priority date to be assured full consideration for financial aid and campus housing.

Feb. 1 — Transfer Priority Date

Date that complete transfer applications will be given priority for Merit Awards.

March 1 — FAFSA Priority Deadline

Date the FAFSA is due at the federal processor. Submitting after this date will have a negative effect on awards.

May 1 — Candidates Reply Date

Date to submit the enrollment confirmation to ensure a place in the incoming class.

Program Description

The University of Maine's university-wide Merit Scholarship Program is administered by the Office of Admissions. It is designed to acknowledge and attract excellent students to Maine's only major research, land-grant and sea-grant university. Awards to students who are residents of Maine are designed to assist with the cost of in-state tuition and fees. Awards to students who are not residents of the Maine are designed to assist with the difference between the cost of their tuition and fees, and in-state tuition and fees.

Merit awards are made to new, incoming, first-time, first-year and transfer students who enter in the fall semester. **First priority for the university-wide Merit Awards is given to first-year students accepted through the Early Action Admission Program (a complete application and all required official documents on file by Dec. 15) and to transfer students who have submitted a complete application by Feb. 1.** Students submitting a complete application after the above dates will only be considered for a Merit Award if funds remain available.

Awards are made based on official information presented as part of a complete application that is on file at the time that the application is reviewed. First-year students hoping to qualify for Merit Awards are encouraged to take their standardized tests (SAT/ACT) no later than October of their senior year and to request that official scores be sent directly to UMaine from the testing agency when they register for the test. This will ensure the receipt of their test results in time for consideration during Early Action.

First-year Merit Awards are renewable for up to eight semesters of full-time enrollment, provided the student maintains a 3.0 cumulative grade point average (GPA). The amount of the award varies with the type of Merit Award, academic qualifications, standardized test scores and the student's tuition residency status (in-state, out-of-state, New England Regional Student Program, Canadian or International). Students generally qualify for only one (the most competitive) Merit Award.

In addition to the university-wide Merit Scholarship Program that is administered by the Admissions Office, some academic departments and colleges, as well as the Athletics Department and the University of Maine Foundation, offer scholarships for incoming and continuing students. For more information, visit the scholarship page of the Office of Student Financial Aid (umaine.edu/stuaid/scholarships).

Criteria for Selection

Qualifications for Merit Awards include, but are not limited to: academic achievement, standardized test scores, academic program and anticipated contribution to the university. Generally to be considered for a university-wide Merit Award, students should have successfully completed a strong college preparatory program in high school and have achieved a minimum combined SAT critical reading and mathematics score of 1100 (range is from 400 to 1600) or greater, or a minimum composite ACT score of 25 (range is from 1 to 36) at the time of application. Meeting these general criteria qualifies a student for consideration, but does not guarantee an award.

New First-year **In-state Resident Merit Awards** for Fall 2012
 Merit awards for residents of Maine and citizens or Permanent Residents of the USA are designed to encourage the best Maine students to attend the state's major research, land grant and sea grant university. Students will generally qualify for only one (the most competitive) merit award.

Award Type	Minimum Academic Qualifications	Standardized test scores SAT CR + M or (ACT comp)	UMaine Merit Award annual dollar amount
UMaine Merit	85 GPA (100 point scale) or 3.0 GPA (4 point scale) at the time of review	1400 to 1600 (32 to 36) 1250 to 1399 (28 to 31) 1100 to 1249 (25 to 27)	\$5,000 \$3,000 \$1,000
UMaine Merit	restricted to the top few spots in the class, based on rank, class size, and test scores	varies	\$8,000
UM Merit National Merit Semi-Finalist	very selective, selected by the National Merit Foundation	varies	\$8,000
Visual and Performing Arts Scholarships: Art, Music, Theatre (Feb 1 deadline)	separate application required based on portfolio or audition results, test scores, academic achievement. May be combined with above merit awards	varies	\$1,000 to \$2,000

Other merit awards may be available at the time of review based on academic achievement, test scores, contribution to the class or academic area of study. Scores/awards vary. The SAT is the sum of the Critical Reading and Math score and ranges from 400 to 1600.

New First-year **Out-of-state Resident Merit Awards** for Fall 2012
 Merit awards for non-residents of Maine who are citizens or permanent residents of the USA are designed to encourage excellent students to attend Maine's major research, land grant and sea grant university. Students generally qualify for only one (the most competitive) merit award. Students in the New England Regional Student Program (RSP) will receive HALF of the annual dollar amount of the out-of-state merit awards because of the reduced tuition provided for RSP students.

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Types of Awards

Visual and Performing Arts Scholarships: A separate scholarship application (which may require an audition or portfolio submission) and a complete application for admission must be on file by Feb. 1. For information about the music and theatre awards, contact the School of Performing Arts, 207-581-4700. For the art award, contact the Department of Art, 207-581-3245.

Transfer Merit Awards: Twenty \$1,000, one-time awards are available for transfer students based on academic GPA and completed credits. Several are reserved for Maine Community College transfers or members of Phi Theta Kappa. Priority is given to transfers with a complete application on file by Feb. 1.

Additional Merit Awards: Additional Merit Awards may be available based on academic achievement, standardized test scores, geographic location and anticipated contribution to the class in terms of leadership and diversity. The amount of these awards will vary based on the terms of the award, academic achievement, standardized test scores and funds availability.

International Student Tuition Scholarships: Ten tuition scholarships are available for outstanding international students. More information and the application form are available on the Web (umaine.edu/international/international-admissions/undergraduate-admissions).



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