

2026 Scholarship Application

The Founder's Scholarship Award of \$2,500
The Maurice Fontaine Sr. Scholarship Award of \$2,500
The Roger Bissonnette Scholarship Award of \$2,500



Maine Family
Federal Credit Union

For Maine Family Federal Credit Union Members
Application Deadline: Friday, March 20, 2026

Scholarship Program

Maine Family Federal Credit Union began its scholarship program to acknowledge the accomplishments of our student members and to support their continued education and training. Each spring we award three (3) scholarships named after The Founders and impactful Past Leaders of Maine Family Federal Credit Union:

- The Founders Scholarship Award for \$2,500
- The Maurice Fontaine Sr. Scholarship Award for \$2,500
- The Roger Bissonnette Scholarship Award for \$2,500

The award winners are announced each April. The scholarship money will be paid directly to the student prior to the start of the second semester to help with any college-related expenses. Prior to payment, we require the scholarship winner to share with us their first-semester grades in order to remain qualified for the scholarship. Anyone attending higher-education at an accredited institution can apply, regardless of if they have applied and/or won in previous years. Maine Family FCU is proud to recognize the achievements of deserving students, of any age or stage of life, in our community.

Eligibility

1. Applicant must be a member of Maine Family Federal Credit Union*.
2. Applicant must be accepted, enrolled or attending a two-year community college, four-year college, university or technical school.
3. Students must begin school within one year of the award.

Requirements

1. Completed application and essay must be received no later than **Friday, March 20, 2026**. Applications may be emailed to marketing@mainefamilyfcu.com, delivered in person or mailed to the Credit Union at 555 Sabattus Street, Lewiston, ME 04240, ATTN: Scholarship Committee. Applications can also be submitted online which will be available on our website at <https://www.mainefamilyfcu.com/maine-family-fcu-scholarship/>
2. Copy of letter of acceptance from the College or University of choice.
3. Three letters of recommendation from teachers, counselors or community leaders.

Selection

Applications will be sent collectively to the Scholarship Committee after the application deadline. Judging is based on information gathered through the application — motivation to continue education, achievements (honors, awards), extracurricular activities, work or volunteer experience, references and the written essay (Transcripts will NOT be reviewed as part of the scholarship application). The essay is judged on content, creativity and clarity. Spelling, grammatical or typographical errors may impact your entry. Scholarship winners will be notified personally by Friday, April 10, 2026. Winners will be asked to submit a photo for publication in our membership newsletter.

Maine Family Federal Credit Union reserves the right to discontinue this scholarship program at any time without notice. Maine Family Federal Credit Union reserves the right not to award any scholarships should there be no qualified applicants.

*If the student is not a member of Maine Family Federal Credit Union, they may join the Credit Union by opening a share account with a minimum balance of \$5.00 prior to submitting an application. To qualify for membership, the student must live, attend school, worship or work within the following counties: Androscoggin, Cumberland, Franklin, Kennebec, Knox, Lincoln, Sagadahoc, Somerset, Waldo, or York; or have an immediate family member that meets the previously mentioned criteria.

Applicant Information

Name _____

Birth Date _____ Maine Family FCU Member # _____

Email Address _____

Street Address _____

City, State, ZIP _____

Phone _____ Preferred Contact Method Phone Email

Parents'/Guardians' Names _____
(if applicant is under 18)

Education Information

Current School _____ Graduation or GED Year _____
(if applicable)

College/University/Technical School _____
you plan to attend

Status Accepted Enrolled Currently Attending

Enrollment Type Full-time Part-time

Expected Start Date _____

Program or Intended Major _____

Employment Information

Current Employer _____
(if applicable)

Job Title _____

Employment Status Full-time Part-time Not currently working

Achievements, Experience and Goals

Please list any honors or awards you have received in school, work, or other settings:

Please list any extracurricular activities or community involvement. If you have already graduated, please share your activities or involvement since high school.

Please list any work or volunteer experience, including your role and responsibilities if applicable.

What are your academic and career goals, and how will this scholarship support your ability to achieve them?

What makes you a strong candidate for this scholarship?

Essay Prompt

In 500-750 words, describe a personal experience, challenge, or turning point that has shaped your educational goals. How has this experience motivated you to pursue higher education, and how do you hope your education will help you contribute to your community in the future? Please attach your essay to this application.

Certification and Release Authorization

- I certify that the information provided in this application is complete and accurate.
- I authorize the release of this information to confirm and/or verify this application.
- I understand that scholarship recipients must submit fall 2026 semester grades to receive the funds.
- I further grant unto Maine Family Federal Credit Union the right to use my name and/or photograph in connection with Maine Family Federal Credit Union promotions, including advertising, related to this scholarship program.

This grant is made without claim of any kind, including compensation.

Applicant's Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian's Signature

(Only required if applicant is under 18 years old)

Date