

Financial Aid

Affording Your Education

The USM Office of Financial Aid offers over \$62 million in educational loans, grants, scholarships, and work-study programs to eligible students. More than 75% of our degree students receive financial assistance through these programs. In addition, USM offers several different payment plan options.

The USM Office of Financial Aid serves students and their families with the philosophy that lack of financial resources should not prevent a student from pursuing a higher education. The Financial Aid staff assists students and their families in identifying and utilizing a vast array of financial assistance programs.

To be considered for financial aid you must submit the following:

- The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). For the fall and subsequent spring semester, the USM Office of Financial Aid must receive this form filed electronically at www.fafsa.ed.gov by March 1. USM's Title IV federal school code for the FAFSA is **009762**. Applications for financial aid received after the stated deadline will be reviewed only to the extent that funds remain available throughout the spring.
- While you may choose not to include your social security number on your application for admission, please understand that this information is required for those intending to apply for financial aid.

Important Dates

Recommended FAFSA filing deadline February 15
Financial aid award notification beginning mid-March

www.usm.maine.edu/fin

2010-2011 Costs

Tuition and fees are based on 30 credit hours per academic year.

	Maine residents	Out-of-state residents	Canadian residents/New England Regional Program***
Tuition*	\$ 7,260	\$ 19,620	\$ 10,920
Mandatory Fees	\$ 1,278	\$ 1,278	\$ 1,278
Total Tuition and Fees	\$ 8,538	\$ 20,898	\$ 12,198
Other Expenses			
Room and Board**	\$ 9,394	\$ 9,394	\$ 9,394
Books and Supplies	\$ 1,232	\$ 1,232	\$ 1,232
Estimated Total Cost of Attendance	\$ 19,164	\$ 31,524	\$ 22,824

Visit www.nebhe.org for more information.

* Tuition costs are based on enrollment in 30 credit hours per year.

** Room and board costs may vary depending upon room assignment.

*** See below for more information

*** New England Regional Program

In cooperation with the New England Board of Higher Education, the University offers undergraduate and graduate programs of study at reduced rates of tuition to qualified candidates from the New England states. Because the listing of programs varies from year to year, candidates should check the most up-to-date listings. Visit www.nebhe.com for more information.

Undergraduate Programs

Athletic Training	RI
Criminology	NH, RI
Environmental Planning and Policy	VT
Health Fitness	VT
Industrial Technology	RI, VT
Linguistics (including American Sign Language Concentration)	CT, VT
Musical Theatre	MA
Natural & Applied Science (Lewiston-Auburn College major)	CT, VT
Recreation and Leisure Studies	MA, RI, VT

Scholarships

Scholarship Eligibility

All eligible applications with current high school records for full-time, fall admission are automatically considered for merit scholarships. No separate application is required. For priority consideration, prospective students must submit the application for Undergraduate Admission by **February 1**. For a complete listing of scholarships available to incoming students, as well as selection criteria and continuing eligibility requirements, please visit: www.usm.maine.edu/admit/scholarships.html.

Merit Scholarships and Selection Criteria

All scholarships can be renewed up to seven semesters, unless specified otherwise.

Maine Residents

Creating Maine's Future Presidential Scholarship

Awarded to a limited number of students who are graduating from Maine high schools. Recipients will be chosen based on scholastic achievement, demonstrated leadership, and exceptional personal qualities. Applicants must be nominated by a high school principal or guidance counselor in order to be considered.

\$5,000 per academic year

Dirigo Scholarship

Awarded to students who graduate in the top 10% of their class or with an A- average and who attain a 1100 SAT (Critical Reading and Math only) or 24 ACT composite score.

\$1,750 per academic year

Opportunity Scholarship

Consideration guaranteed to under-represented Maine residents who graduate in the top 30% of their class or with a B average, attain a 950 SAT (Critical Reading and Math only) or 20 ACT composite score, and exhibit exemplary extracurricular involvement.

\$1,200 per academic year

Out-of-State Residents

Presidential Commendation Scholarship

Awarded to students who graduate in the top 10% of their class or with an A- average, attain a 1100 SAT (Critical Reading and Math only) or 24 ACT composite score.

\$6,100 per academic year

Presidential Recognition Scholarship

Awarded to students who graduate in the top 30% of their class or with a B average, attain a 1000 SAT (Critical Reading and Math only) or 21 ACT composite score.

\$3,950 per academic year

International Students

International Student Merit Scholarship

Consideration guaranteed to those students who complete the Documentation of Finances process. Very limited availability.

Amounts vary between half and full tuition

Transfer Students

Phi Theta Kappa Transfer Scholarship

Consideration guaranteed to transfer students entering full time for fall admission with an associate's degree from a regionally accredited institution, membership in the PTK Honor Society and a 3.25 transfer GPA.

\$1,000 per academic year, renewable for one academic year

Gorman Scholars Fund

Consideration guaranteed to transfer students entering full time in the fall whose last college attended was in the Maine Community College System and are Maine residents who have earned a minimum 24 credit hours and a 3.0 transfer GPA.

\$2,500 per academic year, renewable for up to three years

www.usm.maine.edu/success/financial_info.php