



Scholarship and Financial Aid Resources for Graduate Students 2009-2010

Scholarship Opportunities Not to Miss!

- CEHD Scholarships for Graduate Students
- CEHD Graduate and Teaching Assistantships
- CEHD Scholarships for Teacher Education Students
- FAME: Educators for Maine Loan Forgiveness Program
- National Science Foundation: Noyce Scholarships

Offered through the College of Education and Human Development (CEHD)

Applications are available in late November for the following award year and are located in 8 Bailey Hall or online at www.usm.maine.edu/cehd/prospective-students/scholarships.htm.

CEHD Scholarships – Deadline March 1, 2009

The College has over 30 scholarship funds awarding \$150 to \$1800 individually. These awards are available to students matriculated in CEHD programs who are taking at least six graduate credit hours during the semester they are receiving aid. One application is used to apply for all eligible funds.

- CEHD Graduate Scholarships
These scholarships are for those students in CEHD graduate programs other than teacher education. Most awards are to students who will be doing an internship.
- Teacher Education (ETEP) Scholarships
These scholarships are for those in graduate level initial teacher education programs. Most students are in ETEP.

Noyce Scholarships – Deadline TBD

Funded by a National Science Foundation grant, Noyce scholarships of \$10,000 to \$15,000 are for students pursuing teacher certification in math or science and who must have a degree in, or be currently majoring in, a science, technology, engineering, or mathematics (STEM) field. You must also be a junior, senior, or graduate student, and be a U.S. citizen or

permanent resident. Complete eligibility requirements are on the application forms.

In exchange for these awards, you must teach math or science in a high needs school district upon completion of your teacher preparation program. Your service commitment is two years of teaching for every year of support, or one year of teaching per semester of support.

Individuals enrolled in USM's Extended Teacher Education Program (ETEP) for math or science teacher certification are eligible to apply for stipend support of up to \$15,000 per year. Applications are available at www.educateme.info/

Assistantships – Priority Deadline March 1

Graduate Assistantships and Teaching Assistantships are available to eligible matriculated students in CEHD programs. As a graduate assistant, students may work with college faculty, staff or centers. Graduate assistants must be taking at least six graduate credit hours per semester while they are employed.

Graduate and teaching assistantship positions come with a monthly stipend and many have tuition waivers attached.

Offered through the University of Southern Maine

The Financial Aid Office at USM offers information on grants, loans, and scholarships available to USM students. You can reach them at (207) 780-5250 or toll free at (800) 800-4USM. Check out their Web site at www.usm.maine.edu/fin/

Financial Aid Grants

At the graduate level, students are eligible only for federal work-study grant funds. Some of these are graduate aide positions. They are similar to graduate assistantships but without a tuition waiver attached.

Loans

There are several loan programs available to graduate students. In addition to the standard Stafford and Perkins loans, local area banking institutions have student loan programs.

Scholarships

Scholarship information for USM graduate students is available through the Financial Aid web site at www.usm.maine.edu/fin/schint00.htm

Lunder Scholars: These renewable scholarships (up to four years, \$2500 per year) are available to both new and returning USM graduate students. First preference for the Lunder awards is for former employees or children of former employees of the Dexter Shoe Company. However, any Maine resident is eligible to apply. The Lunder Scholars application becomes available in early summer. Application available at: www.usm.maine.edu/grad/financial.html

Tuition Waivers

Graduate Studies offers a variety of tuition waiver programs for graduate students. Most do not require a separate application, but request that you get your admission application in early. Most are awarded through program nomination. FMI: usm.maine.edu/grad/financial.html

Sources in Maine

Scholarship information is readily available through the Web. Many have downloadable applications. Also, don't forget your local civic community organizations and churches. Many offer scholarships for members and non-members.

FAME – Deadline May 1

The Finance Authority of Maine has an Educators for Maine program that offers loans for students pursuing teaching and school counseling. This is a forgivable loan program for those that stay to teach in Maine after certification. Applications available at: www.famemaine.com/education/formsAndApplications.asp

Clyde Russell Scholarship Fund – Deadline Feb 1

This scholarship fund is for Maine residents who are pursuing graduate study or teacher certification. www.clyderussellscholarshipfund.org/apps.htm

Foundations in Maine

The Maine Community Foundation and the MES Foundation has scholarships for graduate students. Each foundation has its own requirements and application. www.mesfoundation.com/scholarships/overview.asp

Lifelong Learning Tax Credit

This tax credit is targeted at adults who want to go back to school, change careers, or take a course or two to upgrade their skills and to college juniors, seniors, graduate and professional degree students. For more information visit: www.irs.gov/publications/p970/ch03.htm