

**APPLICATION FORM 2008**  
**GENERAL SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS**  
**University of Southern Maine**

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Initial \_\_\_\_\_

Current Address \_\_\_\_\_ City/Town \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (    ) \_\_\_\_\_ Student I.D.Number \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Semesters at USM? \_\_\_\_\_

Academic Major \_\_\_\_\_ Minor \_\_\_\_\_

Class Standing: Fr \_\_\_\_ So \_\_\_\_ Jr \_\_\_\_ Sr \_\_\_\_ Grad \_\_\_\_ Anticipated Graduation Date \_\_\_\_\_

Total earned credit hours \_\_\_\_\_ Current semester credit hours \_\_\_\_\_ Overall USM G.P.A. \_\_\_\_\_

High School attended \_\_\_\_\_ Location \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have any credits which are not currently posted to your USM record? \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, please explain:

(    ) ONE reference is required. (However, one additional reference is acceptable.)

Name of Reference: \_\_\_\_\_ Enclosed \_\_\_\_ Mailed separately \_\_\_\_

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(    ) Attach an essay, no more than two pages double-spaced, describing how your involvement in academic, extra-curricular, community service, and/or volunteer activities has influenced your life and your plans.

(    ) Attach a one-page resume which lists employment, USM activities, and community activities.

(    ) Attach a copy of your unofficial transcript (available through Enrollment Services offices).

(    ) Please use the space below to print names and addresses of parents/significant other/family members to facilitate notification for recognition events.

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(    ) OPTIONAL: There are a few scholarships which require special criteria. To be eligible, please complete:

• Are you the daughter, son, or spouse of a USM Alumni? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

If yes, name of alumni \_\_\_\_\_ Their date of graduation? \_\_\_\_\_

• Are you the daughter, son, or spouse of an employee of the Dexter Shoe company? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

If yes, name of employee \_\_\_\_\_ Their job? \_\_\_\_\_

• Are you of Italian descent? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

• Are you recognized by USM as a Maine resident? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

• Have you applied for Financial Aid for 2007-2008? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

• Do you belong to a social Fraternity or Sorority? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

I authorize the University of Southern Maine to release my name, scholarship information, and biographical information, including course of study and year in school, to scholarship donors and to the public through newsletters and other publications for the purposes of donor relations, public relations and fund raising. I waive any legal privilege which I may have in connection with the release of the information and documents.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

# INFORMATION AND APPLICATION 2008

## GENERAL SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

### University of Southern Maine

The University of Southern Maine confirms its commitment to recognize and reward students' achievements both inside and outside the classroom. The scholarships and awards program also represents a rich history of USM alumni and friends who have given to the University, and by their gifts have encouraged our finest students.

Please note that the scholarship award process is divided into *academic* awards and *general* awards. THE INFORMATION HERE DEALS EXCLUSIVELY WITH THE "GENERAL" AWARDS PROCESS.

#### ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

- **Grade Point Average:** You must have at least a 3.00 overall grade point average verified by the Office of the Registrar at the time of application. First semester freshmen and first semester transfer students are not eligible, because they will not yet have a GPA from USM.
- **Class Status:** You must be a continuing USM degree candidate carrying at least 6 credits during the semester(s) in which the award is credited to your account. Graduating seniors are not eligible for monetary awards (unless continuing in a USM graduate program) but ARE encouraged to apply for "Outstanding Senior" and "Outstanding Service" awards.
- **Please Note:** Serious or repeated violation of the Student Conduct Code is grounds for withdrawal of your scholarship. This decision is made by the USM Vice President for Student and University Life on the recommendation of the USM Scholarship Committee Coordinator.

#### GUIDELINES:

- You must turn in FIVE COPIES of your completed application materials by the printed deadline date. Please do not ask University staff to make copies for you; public machines are available in several locations on all three campuses.
- When you complete the application process, a committee will read and evaluate what you have written. The committee looks for students who have succeeded in the classroom AND who have contributed to the University and/or the community outside the classroom. PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT YOU HAVE WRITTEN CLEARLY!
- Students are selected for these scholarships SOLELY upon the criteria developed by the committee and defined by the individual scholarships. However, if you receive financial aid, Federal regulations require the University to include any scholarships received into your financial aid package.
- You will be notified in writing in early April whether you will receive a scholarship or award, and you will be invited to accept the award at the Recognition Day event in September.

#### WHY APPLY?

Completing the application and asking for a reference are good practice. The process can help you summarize your college experience and is good preparation for resume writing and job hunting. Also, USM is interested in rewarding well-rounded students who stand out academically and excel in community service. Employers are interested, too!

The completion of the application for USM scholarships and awards takes some time and consideration. You should complete the application yourself to ensure accuracy. Everything on the application must be timely and correct; the committee will check for accuracy. The application MUST BE LEGIBLE and accompanied by at least one letter of reference from someone familiar with your contributions and successes. Please have the reference use the Reference Form which is provided. IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE STUDENT TO MAKE SURE THAT FIVE COPIES OF ALL APPLICATION MATERIALS ARE SUBMITTED ON TIME.

#### DEADLINES:

You must make sure that FIVE COPIES of your materials are RECEIVED at the Career Services and Professional Life Development office, 100 Payson Smith Hall on the Portland campus by FRIDAY, February 29, 2008 AT 4:30 PM. (Applications will be accepted until Monday, March 3, 2008 at 4:30 pm ONLY in case of closure of USM offices on February 29.) Applications received after the deadline will not be accepted. Do not rely on the US Postal Service or the USM Mail Service to recognize the importance of your application; provide sufficient time for delivery!

**Deadline to Apply: Friday, February 29, 2008**

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Reference Form for \_\_\_\_\_

The General Awards Committee asks that in discussing your experience with this student, you include specific knowledge of the student's community service/participation, USM campus service/participation, character, and any unique or exemplary accomplishments. Use additional sheets if necessary. FIVE COPIES of this reference must be RECEIVED in the Career Services and Professional Life Development office, 100 Payson Smith Hall on the Portland campus by 4:30 pm Friday, February 29, 2008.  
(Mailing address: Career Services, University of Southern Maine, P.O. Box 9300, Portland, ME 04104-9300.)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone Number (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Position \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_