

Scholarships for Maine Immigrants (SMI)

Application Information

Thank you for your interest in applying to SMI for scholarship support.

You are eligible to apply for a scholarship if you meet all of the following requirements:

- Are an adult immigrant
- Have financial need
- Are legally able to work
- Have at least a high school diploma or HiSET (GED)
- Have English language proficiency levels that ensure you will succeed in the course
- Do not qualify for public or private financial aid
- If employed, work for an employer that does not offer any stipend for educational studies
- Live in Greater Portland, Maine
- Are seeking the additional English language or professional skills necessary to achieve post-secondary educational or career goals.

**Please note that the amount of our scholarships vary depending on the cost of a course. It is possible that the awarded scholarship will not cover the entire cost of your course.*

To complete your application:

- Complete the SMI Application available at www.smischolarships.org (see below for the list of required sections to be completed).
- If the course you are taking is not at USM, mail the completed application to Scholarships for Maine Immigrants, PO Box 281, Portland ME 04112.
- *If you are a USM student, do not mail your application. You should return your application to Michelle Perry in the ESOL office.

DEADLINES:

- Applications must be received at least two weeks before your class or program begins.
- USM students must see Michelle Perry for USM application deadline.

Your application must include all of the sections below. Incomplete applications will not be considered:

- Application Form
- Financial Information Form
- Your most recent Federal Income Tax Form if you filed one (page 1 of Form 1040EZ OR pages 1 and 2 of Form 1040). If you did not file one, please include a recent paycheck stub.
- Typed or written essay(s) (see Application for more details).
- You may include a resume with your application (optional).

We review all applications in the order that we receive them.

If you need more information, please email smi@smischolarships.org

Scholarships for Maine Immigrants

PO Box 281

Portland, ME 04112

Scholarships for Maine Immigrants
Scholarship Application Form

** You must have High School diploma or HiSET to apply for scholarship **

** Your application must be received at least two weeks before your class or program begins *(USM students – see Michelle Perry for deadline information)**

Date: _____

Applicant Information
(Please print neatly and clearly)

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State and Zip Code _____

Telephone: _____

Email address: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Country of Origin: _____

1. Do you have a high school diploma or HiSET (GED)? ___ Yes ___ No
(if No, you are not eligible for our scholarships – You must have a High School Diploma or HiSET to apply)

2. What is your current immigration status? (please check all the boxes that apply)

	Yes	No
Refugee		
Applied for asylum (*you must have work authorization to be considered)		*
Legally able to work (includes work authorization)		
Granted asylum		
U.S. Citizen		
Green Card holder		
Permanent resident		

Other (please explain):

3. Is this your 1st, 2nd or 3rd Scholarship Application to SMI?
 (please check the correct box)

This is my 1 st Scholarship Application	This is my 2 nd Scholarship Application	This is my 3 rd Scholarship Application

4. If you have taken any of the following tests, please fill in the following information:

Name of Test	Score	Date Taken	Place Taken
CaMLA			
CaMLA Grammar			
CASAS			
Accuplacer			
ACTFL (required for Interpreter Training Class)			

If you are scheduled to be tested, please give the name of test and your test date:

Name of Test: _____

Test Date: _____

Please send your test results to Scholarships for Maine Immigrants, P.O. Box 281, Portland, ME 04112 as soon as possible.

5. Please provide information about the course or program you want to take.

Name of course/program:	
Fall, Spring or Summer Semester and Year:	
Start date of course/program:	
Cost of course/program:	
Location of course/program (please check one):	
USM	
SMCC	
Portland Adult Education	
Mediation Training at USM	
House of Languages Interpreter Training	
Other (please explain)	

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6. Are you eligible for any other scholarships or grants? ___ No ___ Yes

If Yes, please explain:

Scholarship Financial Information Form

- All applicants must complete this Financial section (Please print neatly and clearly)
- Please attach your most recent **Federal Income Tax Return** to your Application - Page 1 of Form 1040EZ OR Pages 1 and 2 of Form 1040. If you did not file one, please include a recent paycheck stub.
- Fill out the following financial information:

Total number of people in household: _____ **Adults:** _____ **Children:** _____

INCOME		
Please list income from all wage earners in your family for the last 12 months		
Name of Wage Earner	Name of Employer	Amount of income received in the last 12 months
	Income Subtotal	\$

OTHER SOURCES OF INCOME (including City, State and Federal Benefits)		
Other sources of income including City, State and Federal benefits	Did you or your household receive this benefit (yes or no)	Amount received in the last 12 months OR each month
ASPIRE, TANF		
SNAP, Food Stamps		
General Assistance		
Social Security Benefits (SSI)		
Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI)		
Cash support or any money paid on your behalf		
Other (please list here)		
	Subtotal of Other Sources of Income	\$
	Total Income	\$

Essays

- If this is your **FIRST Scholarship Application** to SMI, please handwrite or type two short (250 - 500 word) essays on the following topics. USM applicants will write Essay #2 in class. Please attach the essays to your Application.
 1. **Essay #1:** Tell us about yourself (where you are from, how long you have been in the U.S., your educational background, what you did in your native country, and anything else you would like us to know about you).
 2. **Essay #2:** Explain what your goals are and how this scholarship will help you reach them.

- If this is your **SECOND or THIRD Scholarship Application** to SMI, please handwrite or type a short (200 – 250 word) essay on the following topic. Please attach the essay to your Application.
 1. Tell us how the scholarship(s) you were awarded and the course(s) you took supported your educational and/or career goals and what your goals are now.

- You may include a resume with your Application (optional).
- Please complete all sections. Incomplete Applications cannot be considered for scholarships.
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Thank you for applying to SMI !