SMI Scholarship Application

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

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS: *If you are eligible for an SMI Scholarship, please submit the following items to be considered for an SMI Scholarship. If you have any questions, please email us at* smi@smischolarships.org

1. **SMI Scholarship Application Form –** Please fully complete the application form on the following pages

*If you are a **USM Student** please contact Michelle Perry in the ESOL office for important application information

2. **Supporting Documents:**
   A. **Financial Documents –** Prepare copies of your financial information: *(please black out your social security number)*
      - Your most recent Federal Income Tax Form (page 1 of Form 1040EZ **OR** pages 1-2 of Form 1040)
      - If you did not file taxes, please submit a copy of your most recent paycheck stub

   B. **Resume/CV –** Please include your current Resume or CV to demonstrate your education and job history

   C. **Essay –** Please include an essay as outlined on the SMI Application Form in the following pages

3. **Submit Your Application:** Send your completed application (items listed in 1 & 2 above) to the SMI Scholarship Committee at smi@smischolarships.org or via USPS Mail to:

Scholarships for Maine Immigrants
P.O. Box 281
Portland, ME 04112

ELIGIBILITY: If you meet all of the following requirements, you are eligible to apply for an SMI Scholarship. For questions on eligibility, please email us at smi@smischolarships.org.

- ☐ Are you an adult immigrant who has not yet become a citizen of the United States?
- ☐ Are you legally able to work in the United States?
- ☐ Have you earned a High School diploma or HiSET (GED)?
- ☐ Do you live in Cumberland, York, or Androscoggin County?
- ☐ Do you have a financial need?
- ☐ Are you looking for a scholarship to help you with one of the following?
  - Classes to gain proficiency in the English Language
  - Certification, classes or exams to allow you to apply for and be considered for jobs
  - Or other means to help you obtain work in Maine

IMPORTANT NOTES:

- Deadlines: scholarship application needs to be received at least two weeks before your program/class begins (**USM Students** contact Michelle Perry for deadline information)
- Amount: scholarship amounts vary and may not cover the full cost of your program

SMI Scholarship Application Form

Complete all sections of this form. Send your completed form and all supporting documents to smi@smischolarships.org

SECTION I. PERSONAL INFORMATION

1. Date: Click or tap here to enter text.
2. First Name: Click or tap here to enter text.
3. Middle Name: Click or tap here to enter text.
4. Last Name: Click or tap here to enter text.
5. Address (Street Number & Name/Apt., Fl, Unit #/City, State and Zip Code): Click or tap here to enter text.
6. Mailing Address (if different than above): Click or tap here to enter text.
7. Mobile #: Click or tap here to enter text.
8. Daytime Phone #: Click or tap here to enter text.
9. Email Address: Click or tap here to enter text.
10. Date of Birth: Click or tap here to enter text.
11. Country of Birth: Click or tap here to enter text.
12. What is your current immigration status? (please check all that apply)
    - ☐ Refugee
    - ☐ Applied for Asylum
    - ☐ Granted Asylum
    - ☐ U.S. Citizen
    - ☐ Green Card Holder
    - ☐ Permanent Resident
    - ☐ Other (please explain) Click or tap here to enter text.
13. Have you applied for an SMI Scholarship before? (If yes, how many times have you applied?) Click or tap here to enter text.
14. Have you ever received an SMI Scholarship? (If yes, please explain) Click or tap here to enter text.
15. Are you eligible for any other scholarships or grants? (If yes, please explain) Click or tap here to enter text.
16. Please provide information on reason you are applying for a scholarship:
    a. Name of Course/Program/Service: Click or tap here to enter text.
    b. Name of Organization provided this service: Click or tap here to enter text.
    c. Location of Course/Program/Service: Click or tap here to enter text.
    d. Start Date: Click or tap here to enter text.
    e. End Date: Click or tap here to enter text.
    f. Full Cost: Click or tap here to enter text.

SECTION II. EDUCATION

17. Do you have a high school diploma or HiSET (GED)? *(You **must have** a High School diploma or HiSET to be eligible to apply for an SMI Scholarship)* Click or tap here to enter text.

18. Please list all degrees you have earned:

Institution Attended	Location of Institution	Degree Earned	Date Earned
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19. Have you taken any of the following tests? (If you are scheduled to take a test in the future please provide date and place of test)

TEST TYPE	SCORE	DATE of TEST	PLACE OF TEST
CaMLA	Click or tap here to enter text.	Click or tap here to enter text.	Click or tap here to enter text.
CaMLA Grammar	Click or tap here to enter text.	Click or tap here to enter text.	Click or tap here to enter text.
CASAS	Click or tap here to enter text.	Click or tap here to enter text.	Click or tap here to enter text.
Accuplacer	Click or tap here to enter text.	Click or tap here to enter text.	Click or tap here to enter text.
ACTFL	Click or tap here to enter text.	Click or tap here to enter text.	Click or tap here to enter text.
Other:	Click or tap here to enter text.	Click or tap here to enter text.	Click or tap here to enter text.

SECTION III. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

20. Please submit a copy of your most recent Federal Income Tax Return:

- ☐ Page 1 of Form 1040EZ *(please black out your Social Security Number)*
- ☐ Page 1 and 2 of Form 1040 *(please black out your Social Security Number)*
- ☐ If you did not file your taxes last year, please include a recent paycheck stub

21. How many people are in your household?

a. Adults: Click or tap here to enter text.
b. Children (under age 18): Click or tap here to enter text.

22. Please list the income from all wage earners in your household for the last 12 months

Name of Wage Earner	Name of Employer	Amount of Income received in the last 12 months
Click or tap here to enter text.	Click or tap here to enter text.	$ Click or tap here to enter text.
Click or tap here to enter text.	Click or tap here to enter text.	$ Click or tap here to enter text.
Click or tap here to enter text.	Click or tap here to enter text.	$ Click or tap here to enter text.
TOTAL Household Income		$ Click or tap here to enter text.

23. Do you have other sources of Income? Please complete the following table:

Other Sources of Income	Amount Received in the Last 12 Months
ASPIRE, TANF	$ Click or tap here to enter text.
SNAP, Food Stamps	$ Click or tap here to enter text.
General Assistance	$ Click or tap here to enter text.
Social Security Benefits (SSI)	$ Click or tap here to enter text.
Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI)	$ Click or tap here to enter text.
Cash Support or any money paid on your behalf	$ Click or tap here to enter text.
Other (Please list):	$ Click or tap here to enter text.
Other (Please list):	$ Click or tap here to enter text.
TOTAL	$ Click or tap here to enter text.

SECTION IV. ESSAY

24. Please write an essay following the instructions below to include in your SMI Scholarship Application:

a. If this is your **first** SMI Scholarship Application, please write about yourself and include the following (500 - 1000 words):

☐ Tell us about yourself (where you're from, how long you have been in the US, your educational background, what you did in your native country, and anything else you would like us to know about you).

☐ What are your educational and/or career goals? How will an SMI Scholarship help you reach these?

b. If this is your **second or subsequent SMI** Scholarship Application, please write about the following (200 –250 words):

☐ How did the SMI Scholarship(s) you were awarded and the course(s)/Service(s) you received, help support your educational and/or career goals?

☐ What your goals are now?

SMI SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY

Please provide your essay below OR submit in a separate document:

Click or tap here to enter text.