



**WINDHAM HIGH SCHOOL
STUDENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT
SENIOR BULLETIN
MARCH 2011**



COLLEGE BOUND SENIORS
TIME LINE FOR THE THIRD & FOURTH QUARTERS

March

- Please notify the Student Services office when you receive college decisions. With your permission, we will announce the good news!
- REVIEW SCHOLARSHIPS IN PREVIOUS BULLETINS!**
- If you are unsure about your plans after graduation, please make an appointment with your school counselor.**
- IT'S NOT TOO LATE!** Interested in applying to college for the Fall 2011 semester? Student Services has a list of colleges still accepting applications.

April

- Review your college acceptances and financial aid offers with your parents and counselor.
- Visit colleges that you have not yet visited.
- Make final decision! Notify colleges of your decision and send deposit by May 1.
- Apply for additional scholarships.
- Submit your application for LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS by **APRIL 15, 2011**

May

SAT I/II May 7th

- Take AP exams if eligible.
- May 1 - common reply date for college decisions

June

- SAT I/II – June 4th
- GRADUATION!!!
- Good luck!

IT'S TIME TO APPLY FOR LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS!

- **Complete the initial application for local scholarships (attached) and return by April 15 if you wish to be considered for any of the scholarships given out at Awards Night.**
- **PLEASE NOTE: In order to be eligible for local scholarships, you must have completed the FAFSA. A copy of your Student Aid Report (SAR) must be submitted to Student Services Office. (Sample Attached)**
- **Students attending community and technical colleges are encouraged to apply for local scholarships!**

Merle B. Shaw Scholarship for Windham Area Students

The Merle B. Shaw Scholarship Fund was established at the University of Maine Foundation by a trust from Merle B. Shaw, a University of Maine alumnus from the Class of 1915. Students attending UMaine or USM are eligible. Selection is based on financial need, a satisfactory academic record and residency in Windham or Raymond.

Application Process: To assist in finding eligible students, the Windham High School Student Services Office is contacted each spring by The University of Maine to receive a list of students who plan to attend USM or UMaine. Students who believe they are eligible for the Merle B. Shaw Scholarship may also apply at the Student Financial Aid Office at either the University of Maine at: www.umaine.edu/stuaid/scholar.html or www.usm.maine.edu/fin/ for the University of Southern Maine. Students are required to demonstrate financial need by filing a FAFSA and maintain a satisfactory academic and conduct record.

Award recipients are announced at the Senior Awards Ceremony in June.

Scholarships may be renewed provided the student continues to meet the scholarship criteria. The number of awards and the award levels vary each year and are based on available funding and the size of the applicant pool.

REVIEW JANUARY BULLETIN FOR ADDITIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS!!

Visit www.famemaine.com for a complete list of scholarships open to Maine residents!

George Coleman Scholarship

Amount: (3) \$1500

Eligibility: Must be attending a New England college and have earned a 3.0 GPA or better in high school.

Deadline: Submit to Student Services by March 15, 2011

Liberty Graphics Scholarship

Amount: \$1000

Eligibility: Submit original artwork in traditional two-dimensional media capturing the theme "Art and Our Natural Environment."

Deadline: March 21, 2011

Applications available in Student Services or at www.lgtees.com

Buick Achievers Scholarship Program

Amount: Up to \$25,000/year

Eligibility: Planning to attend a 4 year college to major in science, technology, Engineering, math, business administration, finance, marketing or design. Preference Given to applicants interested in a career in the automotive (or related) industries.

Deadline: March 31, 2011

Online application at www.BuickAchievers.com

Trooper Jeffrey S. Parola Foundation Award

Amount: \$200 & up

Eligibility: Maine resident pursuing an education in law enforcement.

Deadline: April 1, 2011 — www.jeffreysparolafoundation.com/scholarship.aspx

Maine State Golf Association

Amount: \$1,100 with renewal annually to a maximum of \$4,400

Eligibility: Students shall have shown an active interest in golf, provide evidence of financial need, be a prospective graduate of an accredited Maine secondary school, and be outstanding in character, integrity and leadership.

Deadline: April 1, 2011. — online: www.mesga.org

Maine Recreation and Park Association

Amount: \$500-\$2,000

Eligibility: Planning to major in a 4 year Recreation, Parks or Leisure Services program.

Deadline: April 1, 2011 — online: www.merpa.org

Cappex Scholarships

Amount: \$1,000—\$5,000

Further information available at www.cappex.com

Margaret Chase Smith Essay Contest

Amount: \$25-\$500

Eligibility: Write an essay to weigh in with your opinions on what you think ought to be done to protect the environment, and by whom. Essays must be typed and double-spaced.

Deadline: April 1, 2011

Senator George J. Mitchell Scholarship

Amount: \$1,250/yr. up to \$5000 over 4 yrs.

Eligibility: Senior planning to attend a 2 or 4 year college in Maine. Academic potential, community service and financial need.

One scholarship awarded to every high school in Maine!

Deadline: April 1, 2011—Return to Student Services

www.mitchellinstitute.org/scholarships or available in Student Services

Windham PTA Scholarship

Amount: 3 @ \$750

Eligibility: Complete application, obtain one letter of recommendation and his or her chosen work on the theme: "Continuing my education is important because...."

Deadline: Postmarked by April 1, 2011 Applications available in Student Services

Alpha One "Powering Education" Scholarship

Amount: \$2,000

Eligibility: Specifically for students with disabilities who wish to pursue post-secondary education.

Deadline: April 1, 2011 FMI: www.alphaonenow.org or applications available in Student Services

Ayn Rand Essay Contest

Amount: \$50—\$10,000

Eligibility: Write an essay based on Rand's The Fountainhead. www.aynrand.org/contests

Deadline: April 6, 2011

Maine Innkeepers Association

Amount: Varies

Eligibility: Planning to major in the hospitality industry (hotel administration/Culinary Arts) at a 2-4 year college.

Deadline: April 8, 2011 Applications available in Student Services

Ruffed Grouse Society

Amount: \$3,000

Eligibility: Planning to major in wildlife conservation, Forestry, biology, wildlife law enforcement or related field. Application found at www.ruffedgrousemaine.com

Deadline: April 9, 2011

Juvenile Arthritis Foundation Scholarship

Amount: (3) \$1000

Eligibility: High school seniors with juvenile arthritis or another rheumatic disease. Students must be a resident of CT, RI, ME, NH, VT, Clinton, Franklin or Essex County, NY.

Deadline: April 15, 2011 — FMI: email at: info.nne@arthritis.org

www.arthritis.org/chapters/northern-and-southern-new-england/

Joel Abromsom Memorial Scholarship Fund

Amount: up to \$1,000

Eligibility: Write an essay addressing the following questions:

“What have you done to promote equality for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people in your school and your company? What is your vision for full equality in Maine, and how, specifically, do you plan to help achieve that vision?”

Deadline: April 15, 2011—online: www.equalitymaine.org and click “Resources

MEDEA Scholarship—Maine Driver Education Association

Amount: (2) \$500

Eligibility: Must have completed a Driver’s Ed course, and write a 300 word essay regarding: What does distractive driving mean to you, besides the obvious talking or texting on the cell phone?

What do you think should be done to prevent distractive driving:

Deadline: April 15, 2011—Application in: Student Services Office

Maine State Chamber of Commerce Scholarship/MES Scholarships

Amount: (2) \$1500

Eligibility: Two scholarships are given: one to a student who is planning an associates degree in a technical program and one student who is planning to pursue a bachelors degree in a business-related area.

Preference given to students attending Maine Colleges.

Deadline: April 15, 2011 — www.mesfoundation.com

Maine Metal Products Association/MES Scholarship

Amount: varies

Eligibility: The scholarship is restricted to the study of metal working trades and will be used to pay tuition costs, textbooks, lab fees, supplies, room and board.

Deadline: April 15, 2011 — www.mesfoundation.com

Maine Legislative Memorial Scholarship/MES Scholarships

Amount: \$1000

Eligibility: One scholarship is awarded to one student from each Maine county. Must be accepted to a Maine college or technical school. Awards based on academic excellence, contributions to community and employment and financial need. Essay required.

Deadline: April 15, 2011 — www.mesfoundation.com

Maine State Employees Association Scholarship

Amount: \$750-1,500

Eligibility: Must be a dependent of a MSEA member and entering a post-secondary educational or vocational program for the first time as a freshman. Dependents of teachers not eligible.

Deadline: April 15, 2011 Application available at www.mseaseiu.org or in Student Services

Scholarships for Gay Youth

Amount: Varies

Deadline: Varies

For information on scholarships log on to campuspride.org, then to “Resources”, Next to “LGBT—Friendly Campus Climate Index” and then to “Scholarships”

Maine Food Service Association Scholarship

Amount: Varies

Eligibility: Available to students pursuing a degree in food service, nutrition or food service management. Essay of 250 word minimum

Deadline: April 15, 2011

Applications available in Student Services

2010 Student View Scholarship

Amount: \$500-\$4000

Eligibility: Complete an online survey about colleges in your area.

Deadline: April 22, 2011— www.student-view.com

Cumberland County Medical Society Foundation

Amount: \$1,000

Eligibility: Write a 500-1,000 word essay on the following topic: “Distracted Driving—Should there be laws against cell phones and texting while driving?”

Deadline: April 25, 2011 FMI: Student Services

Maine Journeyman, Inc/Joseph W. Asali Scholarship

Amount: \$1000

Eligibility: Scholarship will be awarded to seniors who plan to pursue an education in the Mechanical Engineering field. Must have a 3.0 GPA or better.

Deadline: April 25, 2011

Maine State Grange Agricultural Scholarship

Amount: \$500

Eligibility: Pursuing a career in agricultural or agriculturally related field including Equine Science

Deadline: April 30, 2011 Applications available in Student Services

Stephen Phillips Memorial Scholarship

Amount: Varies

Eligibility: Renewable 4 year scholarship to students with financial need who display academic excellence, a commitment to serving others in school, the community or at home, and a strong work ethic. Essay Required visit the website www.phillips-scholarship.org (then Prospective Applicants page)for detailed information about applying and to download application.

Deadline: April 30, 2011

AEMP Education Foundation Scholarship

Amount: \$500 per semester up to 4 semesters

Eligibility: Must be planning to attend a college that offers a diesel technology program. Must have maintained a 2.0 GPA in high school and have an interest in a career as a heavy equipment technician.

Deadline: May 1, 2011—Applications available in Student Services

Maine Masonic Scholarship

Amount: \$1,500

Eligibility: Complete application and short essay to include plans for the future, school and community service activities, and why this scholarship is necessary.

Deadline: Return to Student Services no later than May 1, 2011

Applications available in Student Services

Guy P. Gannett Scholarship Fund

Amount: varies

Eligibility: Attend post-secondary education full time and pursuing a degree in journalism or a field reasonably related.

Deadline: May 1, 2011 — www.mainecef.org

Robert Byrd Honors Scholarship Program

Amount: (30) \$1,500/year

Eligibility: Must demonstrate superior academic performance.

Deadline: May 1, 2011

www.famemaine.com then click “Education” and go to Maine Financial Aid (see list of scholarships)

Applications also available in Student Services

Sheriff Mark N. Dion Esq. Police Athletic League Scholarship

Amount: \$1,000

Eligibility: Write 300 word essay explaining how sports have made an impact in your life and how it will impact your collegiate and adult experience.

Deadline: May 2, 2011—Applications available in Student Services

National Council of Jewish Women

Amount: Varies

Eligibility: Jewish students furthering their education.

Deadline: May 2, 2011—Applications available in Student Services

**Don't forget to fill out your WHS Local Scholarship Application!
OVER \$50,000 IN SCHOLARSHIPS WILL BE AWARDED!!!**

Turn in application along with your completed SAR from your FAFSA (required to be eligible for scholarship).

Recipients will be chosen by a WHS Scholarship Committee and awarded at Senior Awards Night.

Don't forget to refer to previous newsletters for scholarships!!
Some scholarship applications and information contained in this newsletter available in Student Services.

SUMMER PROGRAMS

Information on academic, enrichment and volunteer programs available in the student services office.

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY TAX CREDIT!

Thanks to Opportunity Maine, students who graduate from a Maine college and live and work in Maine, can claim a tax credit that reimburses their student loan payments.

Further information available at www.OpportunityMaine.org

FINANCIAL AID

Nelnet Superloan Scholarship for \$1,000

www.superloan.com Can enter up to once a week until June 5!

Free scholarship search at www.gocollege.com

Wondering if an organization is a valid organization offering scholarship?

Log on to: www.financialaidsupersite.com/offline/edassist.html

OPEN HOUSES

Husson College - Saturday, March 26, 2011

Maine Maritime Academy - Saturday, April 2, 2011

New England School of Communications - Saturday, April 2, 2011

Central Maine Community College—Saturday, April 9, 2011, 9:00-1:00

Southern Maine Community College—Saturday, April 9, 2011

Southern New Hampshire University - Saturday, April 16, 2011, 8:30-2:00

Washington County Community College—Friday, April 22, 2011

University of Maine at Augusta President's Scholarship

-- Information available in the Student Services office.

Beal College Scholarship

2011 Mary Beal Scholarship—(5) \$5000 scholarships

Must be planning to attend Beal College. Majors include: Allied Health, Business, Criminal Justice, Early Childhood, Social and Human Services, Professional Office Technology & Support

Application packets available in Student Services

Deadline: May 1, 2011

Q. Where can we get answers to our questions about financial aid?

A. 1. How will the new economic stimulus plan affect financial aid? With plans this big, the details often take weeks or months to get worked out. Much is still uncertain. Here's what seems likely. More Pell Grants. A new tax credit. More student jobs on campus. Help paying for books.

Beginning on July 1, 2009, the maximum amount for a Pell Grant rose to \$5,350 per year. These are federal grants for lower income students – often families with incomes below \$40,000. More money has been set aside for Pell Grants in the stimulus plan, so students will get larger Pell Grants, or more students will get Pell Grants, or both. To be determined.

And, it is quite likely that a new "American Opportunity Tax Credit" will replace the Hope Tax Credit and the Lifelong Learning Tax Credit. The new tax credit will allow you to take a tax credit (reduce the amount of the check you are about to write the IRS) equal to 100% of your first \$2,000 of required college expenses (now including textbooks!) and 25% of your next \$2,000 of expenses. And, it appears that this tax credit will be partially "refundable" which means that if you get to the end of filling out your tax forms and you owe the IRS no money, you may be able to get up to \$1,000 of the tax credit back from the IRS. They write you a check! A refund. And, the Hope Tax Credit was applied only to the first two years of college. It appears that the new tax credit can be used in all four years of college.

And, it appears that there will be more money available for Federal Work-Study, which means student jobs on campus. More students would have the opportunity to work more hours to make more money to pay their college expenses, probably.

2. How do I hide my assets so we will get more financial aid? You could give or throw all your money away and expect to see an increase in your financial aid award of up to 5% of the amount you just threw away. Then again, you may wish you had some of that money. If you just hide it under a pillow, you will still probably be asked if you have any other resources to help pay for college. You could say no and continue to hide it under your pillow, but you may end up hiding it under your pillow in jail.

What about special investments that colleges don't see, like annuities or some other investment? You need to understand that even though there is one form, the FAFSA, that all colleges use, and it doesn't ask a lot of questions, many colleges, especially private colleges, ask many other questions outside of the FAFSA. Some fancy investment strategy may work at one college, but not at another. College financial aid directors work hard to stay one step ahead of families trying to beat the system. Many financial aid offices want to see your 1040 forms. Many ask about annuities and retirement accounts and life insurance policies. Such an investment may stay below the radar screen at some colleges, but they will be noticed at others.

Here are a few "tricks" for hiding your money that will work at all colleges. Colleges will almost always ask a student to contribute a larger percentage of his or her assets than they will ask from parents. Often the difference is huge. First, minimize student assets by spending the student's money on upcoming college expenses and spend that money before you fill out the FAFSA. If the student will need a computer, or even a car, have the student buy it before you file your FAFSA. Hide student assets in upcoming college expenses.

Second, minimize credit card debt. Colleges generally don't consider personal debt. If you have \$50,000 in savings but \$25,000 in credit card debt, colleges will generally consider you to have \$50,000 available for college. If you paid off your debt, they would consider you to have \$25,000 available. That might give you an extra \$1,250 in financial aid, perhaps. Hide your assets in your credit card balance.

Third, if grandparents have money to pay for their grandchild's college education, the student and parents may want to take out Stafford and PLUS loans and then have the grandparents pay off the loans after college. Hide the grandparents.

The fourth and best trick, talk to the financial aid offices a lot. Get their advice. If you need more financial aid, tell them so. Choose your colleges carefully and have several options, perhaps a college with a low tuition, a college which traditionally offers generous merit aid, a college which traditionally offer generous need-based aid, and a college which is extra interested in enrolling your student. Hide your lack of knowledge by doing your research.

WINDHAM HIGH SCHOOL

Initial Application for Local Scholarship

Complete this form and submit it to the Guidance Office NO LATER THAN APRIL 15,2011

*COPY OF STUDENT AID REPORT (SAR from your FAFSA) REQUIRED TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS.

Name: _____ Date: _____

Name of college you hope to attend: _____

Have you been accepted? _____ yes _____ no (please check)

Have you received any college or outside merit scholarships? If yes, please list names and amounts:

Is either parent a veteran? _____ yes _____ no. If yes, which parent? _____

Does either parent belong to an American Legion Post or Legion Auxiliary? _____ yes _____ no

If yes, name of Post? _____

Will you be living on campus? _____ Commuting from home? _____ Commuting from apartment? _____

Major course of study: _____ 4 year _____ 2 year _____ other (please explain)

Occupation and employer of father _____

Occupation and employer of mother _____

No. of children in family _____. Ages of those younger _____

Names of those presently in college: _____

Parents income: _____ \$20,000 - \$40,000 _____ \$70,000 - \$80,000
_____ \$40,000 - \$60,000 _____ \$80,000 - \$90,000
_____ \$60,000 - \$70,000 _____ Over \$90,000

Did you file the F.A.F.S.A.?* _____

Did you or your parents attend the Financial Aid Workshop in January 2011 _____ yes _____ no

To be completed by Student Services

Tuition and Fees: _____
Room & Board (or commuting costs): _____
Books/Supplies: _____
Transportation: _____
Personal: _____
TOTAL COLLEGE COSTS FOR THE YEAR _____

(over)

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Please update and note years of participation (ie. Ping Pong team 1,2,3,4)

SPORTS/SCHOOL ACTIVITIES:

1	2	3	4

Indicate the number of interscholastic athletic teams participated in each year:

Indicate any sport in which you served as a captain or co-captain and /or received a varsity letter.

Sport _____ Sport _____ Sport _____
 Sport _____ Sport _____ Sport _____

Indicate any offices you have held such as: President, Treasurer, etc.

ACTIVITY	9	10	11	12	ACTIVITY	9	10	11	12
Academic Decathlon					Latin Club				
Chamber Singers					Latin Nat'l Honor Society				
Civil Rights Team					Leo Club				
Class Council					Math Team				
Key Club					Model United Nations				
Class Officer					National Honor Society				
Drama Club					Outing Club				
Envirothon					Science Olympiad				
Exemplar Lit. Magazine					Spanish Club				
French Club					Spanish Nat'l Honor Society				
French Nat'l Honor Society					Student Council				
Eagle Eyes Newspaper					Student Outreach				
Interact Club					Windonian Yearbook				

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:

Community organizations to which you belong (ie. Scouts, Youth) Group) _____

Volunteer Service:

Type of service _____ Total number of hours of participation _____
 Sponsored by club/organization _____ self-initiated _____

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9	10	11	12

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EMPLOYMENT ACTIVITIES: