

The University of Maine Pulp & Paper Foundation

Merit-Based **FULL-TUITION** **SCHOLARSHIPS** For Engineering Students



A Productive Partnership
Industry • University • Students

How Do I Apply for a Pulp & Paper Foundation Scholarship?

Entering students complete an application form and submit high school transcripts, class standing information, and college admissions test scores (SAT or ACT). In addition students write a letter to the Foundation's scholarship committee describing how they have become familiar with the technology and careers in the pulp and paper industry, and how they will continue to pursue these opportunities during their course of study at UMaine. Students awarded first-year scholarships are typically in the top 15% of their high school class, have a combined SAT score of 1100+, are the recipients of academic honors, participate in extracurricular activities, and possess excellent verbal and written communication skills. The application deadline for first-year scholarships is December 31st, applications will continue to be accepted after that date as long as funds are available.

Students at or beyond the sophomore year complete an application form and submit a letter to the Foundation's scholarship committee describing how they have become familiar with the career opportunities and technologies of the pulp and paper industry. Students must have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher for the semester prior to a scholarship being awarded. Upperclass scholarship applications are available on our website at www.maineulpaper.org and are subject to availability.

Scholarship award decisions for all students are made following an interview with representatives from the scholarship committee.



What is the University of Maine Pulp and Paper Foundation?

The University of Maine Pulp & Paper Foundation was founded in 1950 to provide support for the education and preparation of engineering graduates for challenging and rewarding careers in the pulp and paper and supplier industries. The Foundation is supported by annual gifts from more than 50 companies in 15 states, as well as individual gifts from more than 250 alumni and friends. In addition, the Foundation administers more than 220 endowed scholarship funds established by donors in recognition of their own opportunities and to encourage future students to consider the advantages of joining the paper industry.

Why Does the Paper Industry Offer Scholarships for Students to Study Engineering at UMaine?

The pulp and paper and supplier industries need energetic, bright people to help solve challenging business and technical problems and to provide innovative ideas for future success. With the exponential evolution of technology, companies have more jobs and opportunities for technically trained people than can be accomplished by today's engineers. By encouraging and financially supporting UMaine engineering students the industry knows it will have access to highly talented graduates who have strong academic and communication skills, along with a proven employment record and familiarity with the industry's process technology. Many of our graduates go on to become leaders in the pulp and paper industry.



Who is Eligible to Receive a Pulp & Paper Foundation Scholarship?

Current UMaine students enrolled in any engineering, engineering technology, forestry management, or forest operations degree program are eligible for one of up to 100 scholarship awards. **High school seniors who will attend UMaine to study engineering, engineering technology, forestry management or forest operations compete for up to 25 first year awards annually.** Students must be able to accept employment in the United States and must achieve a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0. Scholarship recipients must also demonstrate to the scholarship committee they have an active interest in pursuing a career in the pulp and paper and supplier industries

What are the Details of the Awards and Requirements?

Scholarship awards are full tuition as billed by the university for the number of credit hours that apply to the degree for which they are enrolled. Both Maine resident and non-resident awards are available. Students must maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher and must demonstrate an interest in a career in the pulp and paper or supplier industries. Demonstrated interest is typically accomplished by participating in the Chinn Engineering Management Seminars offered by the Pulp and Paper Foundation, membership in student organizations such as TAPPI (Technical Association of the Pulp and Paper Industry) and PIMA (Paper Industry Management Association), tours of paper companies, discussions and job-shadowing with practicing industry engineers and managers, and the requirement to hold two summers internship or co-op positions in a paper-related organization after the sophomore year of study.

Pulp and Paper Foundation Scholarships have a potential value to recipients of more than \$32,000!

(based on Maine resident tuition rates)

Scholarship Applications are available on our website:
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What Obligation Do I Have if I Accept a Pulp and Paper Foundation Scholarship?

All scholarships are awarded for one year at a time to allow recipients to prepare for a technical career with a paper industry producer or supplier. Each student agrees to become familiar with the career opportunities available within the industry and to consider pursuing a paper-related career upon graduation from the University of Maine. It is the goal of the Foundation and its supporters to introduce students to a variety of opportunities to learn about and experience the challenges and rewards of a paper industry-related career. We believe networking and mentoring with successful industry engineers, made available by the Foundation and as part of summer internship and co-op job opportunities will lead to an exciting and enriching future career choice for graduating scholarship recipients.

Scholarships are renewed based on students meeting academic goals as well as continuing to demonstrate their interest in considering a paper industry technical career with a paper producer, supplier of papermaking chemicals or machinery, or an engineering design or consulting firm who is a Foundation member.

If a scholarship recipient accepts a job opportunity outside the paper industry, the Foundation's financial support is terminated as of the date of employment, and the scholarship will not ordinarily be renewed.

The job market for engineers is vibrant in the paper industry. We expect demand to be strong, particularly for Chemical, Mechanical and Electrical engineers as the many engineers hired during the 1970's begin retirement.

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How Much Job Demand is There for Engineers in the Paper Industry or with Industry Suppliers?

The paper industry needs engineers! Annual salaries for beginning engineers are in the \$52,000—\$65,000 range, with job offers coming from throughout the United States. Most paper industry job opportunities are for chemical engineers, followed by mechanical engineers and electrical engineers. *The current demand exceeds supply for these engineering students in the pulp and paper industry!* Students from all engineering disciplines are eligible to receive a Pulp and Paper Foundation scholarship.

My relationship with the Pulp & Paper Foundation began in the summer of 2006 when I attended the "Consider Engineering" program as a high school junior. I decided to attend UMaine to study Chemical Engineering and was honored to receive a Pulp & Paper Foundation Scholarship my first year. Being a part of the Foundation over the last two years has given me many great opportunities and access to numerous resources.

The Foundation offers students the ability to build networking skills and meet important members of the industry, to receive real industry experience through the co-op program, and to attend industry seminars to build upon our knowledge.

In addition, the Foundation doors are always open and the staff is available to give advice and help as needed. I am grateful for all the wonderful things the Pulp & Paper Foundation has helped me accomplish, and I look forward to leaving UMaine knowing I am well prepared for the future.

Sarah Muzzy, Class of 2011
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Scholarship applications are available from the:

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application from our website at:
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