

# The University of Maine Pulp & Paper Foundation

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

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**A Productive Partnership  
Industry • University • Students**

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## What is the University of Maine Pulp and Paper Foundation?

The University of Maine Pulp & Paper Foundation was incorporated in 1952 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 70 companies in 20 states, as well as individual gifts from more than 250 alumni and friends. In addition, the Foundation administers more than 200 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.



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## Who is Eligible to Receive a 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 80 scholarship awards. **High school seniors who will attend UMaine to study engineering, engineering technology, forestry management or forest operations compete for up to 20 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. This 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 a summer internship or co-op job 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 \$30,000!**

(based on Maine resident tuition rates)

**Scholarship Applications are available on our website:  
[www.maineppf.org](http://www.maineppf.org)**

**Application Deadline is December 31**

## How Do I Apply for a 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 typically February 1<sup>st</sup>, 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. The application deadline for upper-class students is March 31<sup>st</sup> for scholarship awards for the next academic year.

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



## 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 University of Maine Pulp and Paper Foundation reserves the right to modify scholarship awards at its discretion pending endowment performance.



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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—\$58,000 range, with job offers coming from throughout the United States. Most paper industry job opportunities are for chemical engineers, followed by mechanical engineers, mechanical engineering technology, electrical engineers and electrical engineering technology graduates. *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 Pulp and Paper Foundation scholarship has been wonderful in lightening the monetary burden of a college education. What I did not expect when I was awarded the scholarship was the package of other “benefits” that came along with it. Under the guidance of the Foundation I will complete a co-op work experience, attend industry seminars and have the opportunity for career networking through Foundation functions.

Most importantly, the Foundation office is always there to help students, whether it be advice on career choices, personal problems, or anything a student is having trouble with. It is nice to know you are cared for at a large university.

Current Scholarship Recipient  
Chemical Engineering

Scholarship applications are available from the:

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5737 Jenness Hall, Orono, ME 04469  
(207) 581-2297 or download an  
application from our website at:

[www.maineulpaper.org](http://www.maineulpaper.org)