

# UMF Presidential Scholarship

## For Awards Beginning in the 2012-2013 Academic Year

The UMF Presidential Scholarship is awarded to outstanding new, incoming first-year students of the University of Maine at Farmington who do not reside in Maine. The award is valued at a total of \$12,000 over four years (eight semesters) and awarded each year in the amount of \$3,000 per year (\$1,500 per semester).

### Eligibility Requirements

In order to receive the UMF Presidential Scholarship in your first semester at UMF, you must:

- Be admitted to UMF as a first-year student. (New transfer students are not eligible for the scholarship.)
- Be offered the Presidential Scholarship by the selection committee.
- Submit an enrollment deposit with your Admission Reply Form to UMF by your admission reply date.
- Matriculate at UMF as a full-time student (minimum 12 credits) in a degree program.
- Not be a resident of Maine.
- Not enroll in a program (major) covered under the New England Board of Higher Education (NEBHE). Students who choose one of these majors will lose their UMF Presidential Scholarship but become eligible for reduced tuition under NEBHE guidelines.

### Renewal Requirements

The UMF Presidential Scholarship may be renewed for a total of four years (eight semesters) of study at UMF, under the following conditions:

- The UMF Presidential Scholarship may only be applied during the fall and spring semesters.
- You must maintain full-time enrollment (of at least 12 credits per semester) in a degree program during the regular academic year. If you do not register for 12 credits in a semester, you will not be offered the UMF Presidential Scholarship for that semester. You will be offered the scholarship again for any subsequent semester for which you enroll in at least 12 credits and fulfill the other renewal requirements.
- If, as a result of withdrawing from courses after the add-drop period, you end up registered for fewer than 12 credits in a semester, you will not receive the UMF Presidential Scholarship in your following semester at UMF but can regain it in any subsequent semester for which you meet all renewal requirements.
- You must maintain out-of-state status. You cannot renew the UMF Presidential Scholarship if your status changes to an in-state student.
- You may not renew the UMF Presidential Scholarship if you enroll in a program of study that is eligible for a tuition reduction through the New England Board of Higher Education (NEBHE).
- The UMF Presidential Scholarship is disbursed in two equal installments in each year, one applied at the beginning of the fall semester, and one applied at the beginning of the spring semester, provided the renewal criteria are met and being maintained each semester.

- You must maintain a semester G.P.A. of at least 2.75. Failure to do so will result in the loss of the UMF Presidential Scholarship in the following semester. The award can be reinstated following any semester after achieving a 2.75 semester G.P.A. and for which all other renewal requirements are met. (See Exemptions to Minimum Semester G.P.A. Renewal Requirement below.)
- The UMF Presidential Scholarship is available for no more than eight semesters of undergraduate study or until graduation requirements are completed, whichever comes first.
- The award must be utilized within a period not to exceed four years.

#### **Exemptions to Minimum Semester G.P.A. Renewal Requirement**

- The first time your semester G.P.A. falls below 2.75 and your cumulative G.P.A. remains at least 2.75, you will be issued a warning but allowed to keep your UMF Presidential Scholarship for an additional semester, during which you must earn a 2.75 semester G.P.A. in a full-time program or lose the scholarship in the subsequent semester.
- First-year students in their first semester at UMF whose semester G.P.A. is below 2.75 may keep the UMF Presidential Scholarship for the second semester if their first semester G.P.A. is at least 2.00. If your second semester G.P.A. is 2.75 or higher, your UMF Presidential Scholarship will be renewed. (Note: This exemption applies only to students in their very first semester of full-time study at UMF).

#### **Other Important Information**

- You may not transport your UMF Presidential Scholarship to participate in a University approved study abroad program, national student exchange, or any other destination that involves a semester or term studying away from the University of Maine at Farmington campus without prior, written approval from the Financial Aid Office. You must submit your request for approval to the Director of Financial Aid by April 1st for an upcoming fall semester, and by October 1st for an upcoming spring semester.
- The UMF Presidential Scholarship must be coordinated with other financial aid funds that are received in order to comply with applicable federal, state, and other institutional rules that require coordination of benefits. The total amount of all scholarships, grants, waivers, subsidized Federal student loans, and need-based student employment may not exceed the calculated financial need for a financial aid recipient. Thus, when full need is being met, other aid may sometimes require adjustment. When such situations occur, UMF strives to provide optimal benefit to the recipient within the aid rules and first reduces loan and work funds, and, if required, lastly gift aid (i.e., grants, scholarships, and waivers).
- You may not combine your UMF Presidential Scholarship with other, annual, renewable merit-based scholarships awarded by the Admission Office (UMF Academic Recognition Scholarship, the UMF Diversity Scholarship, and the Stevens Scholarship) or with the Native American Waiver and Educational Program or the New England Board of Higher Education tuition rate. Applicants who are, or become, eligible for more than one of these scholarships / programs will receive the award of the greatest monetary value.

## **Contact Us For Details**

For additional information, contact the UMF Office of Admission or the UMF Financial Aid Office.

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