



The scholarship where character counts

Greetings,

Do you know of a special graduating high school senior in need of a college scholarship? Someone who...

- Is dedicated to helping others?
- Works to build a better community?
- Has overcome personal obstacles?
- Lives their values?

Since 2001 Mainely Character has awarded scholarships ranging from \$1250 to \$5000 to graduating seniors who demonstrate *courage, integrity, responsibility, and concern* for others. We look not at grades, athletics, or extracurricular activities, but only at a student's character.

We have enclosed a list of eligibility requirements, the four core principles of character that successful applicants exhibit and a FAQ document for counselors and students.

Applications for this year's scholarships are due **March 1**. Students can learn more and apply by visiting [www.mainelycharacter.org](http://www.mainelycharacter.org)

Thank you for helping to reward and recognize deserving seniors.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Curtis A. Mildner". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal line extending from the end.

Curtis A. Mildner  
Chair, Mainely Character Board

# MAINELY CHARACTER

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## You qualify for the Mainely Character Scholarship if...

- You live in Maine.
- You are graduating from high school in the year of your application.
- Your high school is in Maine; we do not accept applications from those attending high school out of state.
- You will be going on to an accredited post-secondary institution after graduating from high school. If you are considering a "gap year" between high school and post-secondary education, you must apply during your senior year of high school, and you must have already committed to a post-secondary institution.

If you do not meet all the eligibility criteria, your application will not be accepted.

Mainely Character Scholarships are awarded to the individuals who best demonstrate these four core principles of exemplary character:

- **Concern:** Communicating compassion and a caring attitude toward others.
- **Responsibility:** Demonstrating commitment and conviction through your actions.
- **Integrity:** Acting ethically and remaining true to your personal values.
- **Courage:** Taking risks and following your conscience with fearlessness.

The application is YOUR opportunity to tell us about YOUR character in YOUR own words.

## Frequently Asked Questions

### Q: From what high schools have past awardees come?

A: Since 2001 awardees have come from Deering HS, Perry HS, St Thomas Aquinas HS, Cony HS, Fairfield HS, Mattanawcook Comm. HS, Mt Ararat HS, Hodgdon HS, Kennebunk HS, Belfast Area HS, Fryeburg Academy, Windham HS, Lee Academy, Winslow HS, Yarmouth HS, So Portland HS, Freeport HS, Old Orchard Beach HS, Oceanside HS, Cape Elizabeth HS, Sanford HS, Mountain Valley HS, Bangor Christian HS, Maine School of Science & Mathematics, Erskine Academy, Brunswick HS, Auburn Adult Education/Edward Little HS, Old Town HS, Scarborough HS, Washington Academy, Morse HS, Portland HS, Casco Bay HS, Gardiner HS, Narraguagus HS, Gould Academy, Poland Regional HS, Thornton Academy, Cheverus HS & Bucksport HS.

### Q: What is the application deadline for 2020?

A: The online application must be submitted by March 1, 2020; if mailed, the application should be postmarked by March 1.

### Q: How can guidance counselors help?

A: Many of our past awardees have been encouraged to apply by their guidance counselors. If you know students with exceptional character, suggest the scholarship and help them understand why they may qualify. Some of our awardees have been surprised that what they did as a matter of course makes them eligible for a scholarship.

### Q: How do I submit my application?

A: The application can be submitted using the online form at [www.mainelycharacter.org](http://www.mainelycharacter.org). You can also print and complete a paper application. This can be submitted as a PDF document (Do not email applications in any other form than a PDF) and emailed to [mainelycharacter@gmail.com](mailto:mainelycharacter@gmail.com) or you can mail the completed paper application to P.O. Box 11131, Portland, Maine 04103.

### Q: What kind of supporting documents can I submit with my application?

A: Please do not submit letters of recommendation or other supporting documents. If you want to provide a link to a website, you may do so in the final question in the application. Please explain how this website relates to your character.

### Q: Who should I list as references?

A: People who can speak to and support the examples of character that you have included in your application. We do not recommend using relatives unless there are extenuating circumstances.

### Q: What happens after the applications are submitted?

A: The application review process starts in early March with each board member involved in reviewing and scoring applications. After several reviews and readings, by mid-April we will be contacting references on a group of 30+ applicants. Those applicants we'd like to interview will be notified by late April with interviews scheduled for early May. In most cases recipients will be announced at their high school's senior awards event.