Presidential and Alumni-Sponsored Scholarships

The University of Massachusetts undergraduate campuses offer a set of named scholarships that are administered by the University’s Office of the President. Each campus provides nominations that are then forwarded to the President’s Office. These scholarships are listed below. The names of the winners are announced after the final selections are made by the President's Office.

For eligibility and application information visit the page for each scholarship. Most scholarships require:

- completion of a scholarship application form
- email submission of additional materials as PDF attachments (these vary by scholarship but generally include transcript, essay(s), and letters of recommendation)
- for semifinalists, there is sometimes a preliminary interview

Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Presidential and Alumni Scholarships

The Charles D. Baker II Scholarship

This need/merit based scholarship was established by Charles D. Baker II’s grandson, Charles D. Baker IV, to honor the memory of his grandfather who, despite experiencing significant hardships in his life, approached each day and each challenge with persistence, optimism, and grace. Charles D. Baker II never had the opportunity to pursue higher education but served his country with distinction and ensured that each of his children completed college studies. Undergraduates from all five UMass campuses can apply. One or more scholarships are available each year.

Grace K. Fey Scholarship

Established in honor of the former Chair of the University of Massachusetts trustees, the University of Massachusetts is offering one need/merit based scholarship to provide recognition of and financial assistance to an outstanding student. The scholarship will be awarded to a sophomore for the academic year and is renewable contingent upon maintaining eligibility requirement.

Putnam UMass Scholars Program

Established by alumni of UMass who work at Putnam Investments, one or more merit
based scholarships are provided in recognition of and financial assistance to outstanding students. The scholarships will be awarded to sophomore, junior, or senior level students for the 2016-2017 academic year.

**UMass Club Academic Excellence Scholarship**

Established in 2011 by members of the UMass Club in downtown Boston, this $1,000 merit based scholarship provides special recognition to University of Massachusetts juniors who demonstrate academic excellence. This scholarship is open to all majors. Students must be juniors in good standing in fall 2017.

**Robert S. Karam Scholarship**

The Robert S. Karam Scholarship is designed to assist qualified students of Lebanese descent or graduates of Durfee High School majoring in business or engineering. This is a need/merit based scholarship. Students must demonstrate financial need and academic potential. Scholarship awards vary.

**James P. Pappas Presidential Scholarship**

James P. Pappas was an alum of UMass Amherst. The James P. Pappas Presidential Scholarship is offered to qualified students who are majoring in political science at the Amherst campus. One scholarship is available per year and is both need and merit based. Candidates are nominated by the Political Science department. For more information, email info@polsci.umass.edu.

**The Rick Pitino Presidential Medal Scholarship Fund**

Merit based scholarships are available to outstanding Massachusetts residents participating in honors program. Candidates are nominated for this scholarship.

**The John F. Smith Jr. Presidential Medal Scholarship Fund**

Merit based scholarships are available to outstanding Massachusetts residents participating in honors program. Candidates are nominated for this scholarship.

**William M. Bulger Presidential Scholarship**

The University of Massachusetts (UMass) is offering five $5,000 scholarships to provide recognition of and financial assistance to five outstanding students. These scholarships will be awarded for the 2017-2018 academic year.

These scholarships are available due to President William M. Bulger's 1996-2003 tenure as leader of UMass where he pursued the dual mission of excellence and educational opportunity. High-profile donors and corporations contributed generously to his mission through the William M. Bulger scholarship funds. Over one million dollars were raised in honor of his 70th birthday in 2004. President Bulger directed these gifts to UMass for the purpose of providing financial assistance to motivated students who are serious about their education.
The Jack M. Wilson Presidential Scholarship Fund was established in 2011 to provide special recognition to University of Massachusetts (UMass) undergraduate students who demonstrate academic excellence and a passion for public service. Six (6) scholarships will be awarded for the 2016-2017 academic year.

During President Wilson’s 2003-2011 tenure as leader of UMass, he was a strong advocate for research and innovation, understanding that robust research universities are critical to the state’s knowledge-based economy. Under his leadership, UMass took major steps forward in all key areas: from enrollment, to research funding, to endowment.

The Jack M. Wilson Presidential Scholarship Fund commemorates President Wilson’s strong record of accomplishment and creates scholarship opportunities for deserving students.

The Rosalind A. Matthews Scholarship Endowment Fund was established in 1988 to honor the late Rosalind A. Matthews, a former Trustee of the University of Massachusetts (UMass). The Fund provides an annual $1,000 scholarship award for up to four years with the purpose of encouraging disadvantaged students to pursue an education that leads to a career in business.

Rosalind A. Matthews was appointed to the UMass Board of Trustees in 1985. Her career included many distinctions in the corporate sector and in public service. She began her career at Textron, Inc. and held a variety of positions at John Hancock Mutual Life Insurance Company. She was dedicated to youth and education and was the recipient of the Exceptional Service Award from former President Jimmy Carter.

The James J. Karam Scholarship was established in 2013 by James J. Karam. Mr. Karam is President and founder of First Bristol Corporation, a N.E. Real Estate Development Company. Mr. Karam’s current and past professional and civic affiliations are extensive. He is on the Board of Directors of the largest community for profit health care system in New England, Steward Health Care System, and was formerly the Chair of the UMass Board of Trustees. Mr. Karam also serves on the Board of the Edward M. Kennedy Institute for the U.S. Senate in Boston, MA and is an alumnus of UMass Dartmouth.

The University of Massachusetts (UMass) is offering the James J. Karam Scholarship to provide five (5) $5,000 scholarships a year for deserving students who meet eligibility requirements.

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