SCHOLARSHIP IMPACT REPORT



USM FOUNDATION
UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN MAINE

2025-2026

THE POWER OF USM

YOUR IMPACT



Scholarships do more than help students pay for college—they create opportunity. They open doors for talented students, reduce financial barriers, and make it possible for more learners to stay focused on earning a degree, pursuing their goals, and building a stronger future for themselves, their families, and their communities.



In FY2026, donor-supported scholarships provided

- more than **$2.3 million** in assistance **to 722 students**
- **nearly 18% of the university's total scholarship support**

Whether you established a named scholarship, contributed to an existing fund, or invested in one of USM's broader scholarship initiatives, your generosity helped make these life-changing opportunities possible. The stories in the following pages are just a few examples of the extraordinary Power of Us that helps our students, our University, and our communities thrive.

A total of 281 donor-funded scholarships keep students like Lizzy on track to complete their USM degrees and establish successful careers.

LIZZY FOGG '26



Majors: Theatre & Music in Vocal Performance

My Story: Because of my scholarship, I was able to stay at USM even after my family hit a financial crisis in my second year. No one in my family had finished college, so navigating that path was uncharted — but here I found a support system that guided me through, all the way to graduating with two degrees, a B.A. in Theatre and a Bachelor of Music in Vocal Performance. I've since opened my own vocal studio, offering reduced rates to students facing the same barriers I did, and I'm now applying to grad programs for an MFA in stage directing. I'm so grateful for my time at USM and the generosity of the donors who made it possible. I hope to keep giving back the way this community gave to me.

In aid year 2025-26, 722 undergraduate and graduate students received a donor-funded scholarship — giving students like Zachary the freedom to invest in their full college experience, inside and outside the classroom.

ZACHARY MURPHY ’28



Major: Biology
Minors: Leadership and Organizational Studies & Educational Studies

My Story: Coming from Gray, Maine, just down the road from USM, I chose this school on a whim — and it turned out to be the best decision I've made. I'm on track to graduate with a B.S. in Biology, serve as a Resident Assistant, work as an Admissions tour guide, and chair the Board of Student Organizations. Long-term, I hope to build a career in higher education and student affairs, working my way toward becoming a Dean of Students or university president someday. My scholarship made it possible for me to attend USM debt-free, allowing me to fully immerse myself in campus life without the stress of financial worry. To the donors who make this possible for hundreds of students at USM — thank you. Your generosity ensures that students like me get the most out of their education, and that means everything.

Scholarships help nursing students like Hibo prepare for excellence in their field. Last year, USM's Accelerated BSN students achieved a 100% NCLEX-RN pass rate, while graduates of the Nurse Practitioner programs earned a 100% certification pass rate.

HIBO ABDI '26



My Story: Maine has been my home for most of my life, and my big Somali family — especially my little siblings, whose trust in me to care for them sparked my dream of becoming a pediatric nurse. Outside the classroom, I worked as a Personal Support Specialist, helping older adults with their daily lives — experience that has made me a better nurse before I even graduated. My scholarships have given me the financial freedom to keep that job on my own terms, focus on my studies, and still show up for my family. Since graduating, I've stayed in Maine — now serving my community as an ICU nurse, with dreams of pediatric care and global service still ahead. I believe an act of kindness sparks another, and I hope to use this degree to pass on what these scholarships have given me.

NAMED SCHOLARSHIPS

Named scholarships create a powerful legacy of opportunity. The funds recognized here honor individuals, families, organizations, and values while ensuring that generations of USM students can pursue their dreams with confidence.

A

A. Carolla Haglund '51 Scholarship
A. Nye Bemis Memorial Scholarship
Access to Education Scholarship
Adams Family Scholarship
Aileen M. Carroll '65 Endowed Scholarship
Alden and Marion Mitchell Scholarship
Alfred Clarke Memorial Scholarship Endowment
Allan C. Rodway '73 Memorial Scholarship
Almery R. and Kathleen L. Hamblen Scholarship Fund
Altrusa Club of Maine Scholarship
Angeliki Economopoulou Scholarship
Ann Kleban Memorial Scholarship Fund
Anna Keating Endowed Scholarship Fund
Anne Randolph Henry Scholarship Fund
Arthur H. Benoit Memorial Scholarship
Arthur M. & Marguerite V. Johnson Memorial Scholarship
Audway & Phyllis L. Treworgy Scholarship
AVANGRID David Flanagan Memorial Endowed Scholarship in Sustainability

B

Bank of America Scholarship for the USM School of Business
Barbara Anne Payne Scholarship
Bath Iron Works Scholarship
Bertha Bridges Willis & Ralph Willis Scholarship
Beth Moore Scholarship
Blackwood Family Student Emergency Fund
The Blackwood Family Scholarship
Bob Crewe Foundation Scholarship
Boulos Veterans Promise Completion Scholarship
Boyne Family Nursing Scholarship
Brewer Family Scholarship
Brian C. Hodgkin Dean's Scholarship
Bronwyn Millard Memorial Scholarship
Burchard A. Dunn Memorial Scholarship

C

C. Elizabeth Sawyer Scholarship
Campbell Family Scholarship Fund
Capstone-Stepstone Housing Scholarship
Carl & Olive Armentrout Award
Catharine W. Guiles Scholarship Fund
Charles & Sylvia Martin Memorial Scholarship
Charles H. & Bertha F. Loomis Scholarship

Charles J. and Judith F. ’87G Micoleau Scholarship
Charles N. Greene Scholarship
Charles R. ’76 and Deborah L. Hascall Family Scholarship
Chester W. Cooke Scholarship
Chip and Laura Foye Promise Endowed Scholarship
ChrisAlice Endowed Scholarship
Christine Cummings ’27 Promise Endowed Scholarship
Christopher ’04 and Lavinia ’04 Gelineau Memorial Scholarship
Churchill Family Music Scholarship
Classical Voice Scholarship
Clinical Teaching Fellow CEHD
Constantine Kapothanasis Accounting Scholarship Fund
Crankstart Re-entry Scholarship

D

Dan Crewe and Reid Crewe Scholarship
Dara J. Kaufman ’05 Memorial Scholarship for International Study
David & Kaye ’73 Flanagan Scholarship
Dexter Huntoon Memorial Fund
Donald E. and Hilda Nicoll Scholarship Endowment
Donald E. Nicoll/Edmund S. Muskie Board of Visitors Scholarship
Dorothy & Richard Moore Scholarship
Dorothy B. Padula Memorial Fund for Student Travel to Latin America
Dorothy Snowman Scholarship
Dr. Alfred Osher and D. Suzi Osher Endowed Scholarship
Dr. Elizabeth F. Kerr Memorial Scholarship
Dr. Francis L. Bailey Scholarship
Dr. Jean Whitney Memorial Scholarship for Aspiring Educators
Dr. Robert V. Nelson Memorial Scholarship

E

E. June Clark and Irene Watson Scholarship
Edith Speziali Music Scholarship
Edmund S. Muskie Memorial Scholarship
Edna Frances Dickey Scholarship
Edna L. Higgins Scholarship
Eleanor W. Law Scholarship
Electa McLain Brown Scholarship
Elizabeth B. Woodwell ’75 Fund for Maine Students in Business
Elizabeth G. Woodward Linguistics Scholarship Fund
Elizabeth S. Hagar Endowed Music Scholarship
Ellen Chickering Music Scholarship
Esther E. Wood Scholarship
Ethel Noyes Mortensen Scholarship Fund

F

Frances Allen Rossiter Nursing Scholarship
Frances M. Howarth Scholarship
Frank F. Brown Music Scholarship Fund
Franklin Talbot Scholarship
Friends of Women's Studies Fund

G

Gateway Mastering Studios Scholarship

Gene R. Cohen Entrepreneurial Scholarship
George Burk Memorial Art Scholarship
George D. Woodward Accounting Scholarship
Gloria and Edwin Medley Fund for International Studies
Goldsworth/Philbrick Endowed Scholarship for Nursing
Gorman Scholars Graduate Fund
Gorman Scholars Undergraduate Fund
Gorman Scholarship
Graduate Students OLLI Fellowship Fund
Grannia Theatre Scholarship
GWI Cybersecurity Internship Fund

H

Hagge/Dodd Family Scholarship
Harlan Philippi Scholarship Fund
Harold ’94H and Peggy ’94H Osher Fellowship Fund
Helen D. ’85 and Waldeck E . Mainville, Jr. Scholarship
Helen Heel Music Scholarship
Henry C. Amoroso, Jr. Memorial Scholarship
Herbert and Sally Carroll Payson Scholarship
Hervey A. Hanscom Scholarship
Hoar Family Scholarship
Honors Program Fund
Hooper Scholarship Fund
Horton P. and Mary Purkis Gilman Scholarship

J

Jack Eagleson Scholarship
Jacob M. Brown Memorial Scholarship
James V. Sullivan Scholarship
James W. Pendleton Award
Jane V. Nelson Last Mile Scholarship
Janet Hodgdon Harrison ’52 Memorial Scholarship
Jeanne Whynot-Vickers ’74, ’82G School of Education and Human Development Community Scholarship
John M. ’72G and Annie T. Sutton Endowed Scholarship
John R. and Patricia H. DiMatteo Scholarship
John R. Babine Memorial Scholarship
John W. Bay Scholarship
Joseph A. and Nellie Elkins Hamblen Scholarship Fund
Joseph and Betty Stocks (’82) Nursing Scholarship
Judith Hannemann Scholarship
Juris Ubans Art Scholarship

K

Kaye Flanagan ’73 Promise Endowed Scholarship
Kenneth D. Benson Scholarship
The Kenneth T. H. and Dena A. Brooks International Scholarship
Key Bank Endowed Scholarship in Honor of Ken Curtis
Kim Moody ’82 and Family Scholarship

L

L-A Bridge Scholarship Fund
L.L.Bean Environmental Science Endowed Scholarship

Laura B. Hansen Memorial Scholarship
Lawrence and Pearl Fickett Educational Leadership Scholarship
Lewis Arch Hamblen Scholarship
Lillian LaFontaine O'Brien '52 Scholarship
Linda Lachance Wolcott and Edward Wolcott Education Scholarship
Lorelle's Fund for Nursing Students
Lucille T. Laliberte Working Mother Scholarship
Lunder Scholars Endowment

M

M. Ruth Perry '27 Memorial Scholarship
Mabel Skillin Nursing Scholarship Fund
Mabel Stuart Daveis Scholarship
Madeline D. Giguere Scholarship
Madelyn L. Ulmer Scholarship
Maine Association of Broadcasters Scholarship
Maine Beer Company Scholarship Fund
Maine Insurance Agents Association Scholarship
Maine Society of Certified Public Accountants USM Endowed Scholarship
Mainebiz Next List Alumni Scholarship Fund
Marcella Lee Davis Scholarship
March of Dimes Nursing Scholarship
Margaret E. Johnson Hill Scholarship
Margaret E. Johnson Hill Scholarship for Elementary Education
Margaret M. Payson Nursing Fund
Margaret McKenna Memorial Scholarship
Marjorie Roscoe Memorial Nursing Scholarship
Marr-Anderson Family Foundation Scholarship
Martha M. Skoner Memorial Nursing Scholarship
Maurice & Doris Whitten '41 Scholarship
Maurice M. and Doris R. Whitten Scholarship
Mental Health Psychiatric Social Work Graduate Scholarship
Mildred A. Roche Nursing Scholarship
Mondor Memorial Scholarship
Montagu Project Scholarship Fund
Music Theatre Scholarship



N

Najeeb S. Lotfey Scholarship
Nancy Spear Usher '60 Education Promise Endowed Scholarship
Neil V. Boyer Music Scholarship
Nelson & Small Prize Fund
Nelson Promise Endowed Scholarship
Nicholas and Jean Nappi Scholarship Fund
Nicholas D. Colucci '63 Scholarship for Aspiring Teachers
NiSource Charitable Foundation Scholarship
Nora and Grace Nason Scholarship

O

Oliver H. Woshinsky Memorial Scholarship
Osher Endowed Reentry Scholarship
Otis Family Scholarship
Owen C. Hall Scholarship

P

Palmer Family Scholarship
Patricia Geary Memorial Scholarship
Pathway for Employment Scholarship
Peter Martin Music Scholarship
Philip and Joan ’72 Jagolinzer Scholarship in Accounting
Pond Family Foundation Scholarship
Portland Press Herald Scholarship
Presser Undergraduate Scholar Award
Promise Scholarship
Promise Scholars Endowed Support Fund

R

Rebecca Goodale Book Arts Scholarship
Richard and Melissa Costello Scholarship
Richard S. Petereit Scholarship
Rick Carbonneau Scholarship
Robert L. Woodbury International Scholarship
Robert Russell Music Scholarship
Robert W. Berry Memorial Scholarship
Roberta and Joseph A. Zinni Scholarship
ROCC Gratitude Scholarship
Ronald Cole Music Scholarship
Ronald J. MacDougall Endowed Scholarship
Royer Advisors & Accountants Scholarship
Russell L. Glidden Social Justice Music Scholarship
Russell Scholars Program Fund
Ruth V. Conley Scholarship

S

Sandra T. Scully Nursing Scholarship
School of Music Endowed Scholarship
Shaw Innovation Fellows Program
Shirley Towle ’45 Memorial Scholarship for Aspiring Teachers
SME Scholarship
SMRT Stevens Scholarship
Southern Maine Gorham Alumni Scholarship
Steven O. Innes Memorial Scholarship
Stewart Belknap Hamblen Scholarship
Stonecoast Master of Fine Arts Scholarship for Continuing Students
Susan L. Palmer Endowed Scholarship for Rural Maine Students
Systems Engineering Scholarship

T

Tasha Dunham Memorial Book Fund Endowment
Ted and Betsy Weber Casco Bay Islands Scholarship
Tenney Sutter ’79 and Newell Augur, MD Scholarship
The Phi Kappa Phi Scholarship
Thomas Robson Carper Memorial Endowed Scholarship
Tourism and Hospitality Endowed Scholarship

U

USM Alumni Association of Florida Chapter, Madelyn & Marion Ulmer Memorial Scholarship
USM Alumni Association Scholarship

V

Vail Endowed Scholarship
Viola Palmacci Nursing Scholarship
Virginia Hodgkins Somers Foundation Endowed Scholarship Fund
Visual Arts Endowed Scholarship

W

Walter E. Russell Scholarship
Wensel W. Moberg Memorial Scholarship
WEX Endowed Scholarship
William Bingham, II Scholarship
William Hollis Moore Technology Award
Wipfli Accounting Scholarship
Women's Board of the Maine General Hospital Scholarship Fund

A NEW OPPORTUNITY

The Opportunity Scholarship is the new flexible resource that allows USM to provide support to any student, at any time, for any reason.

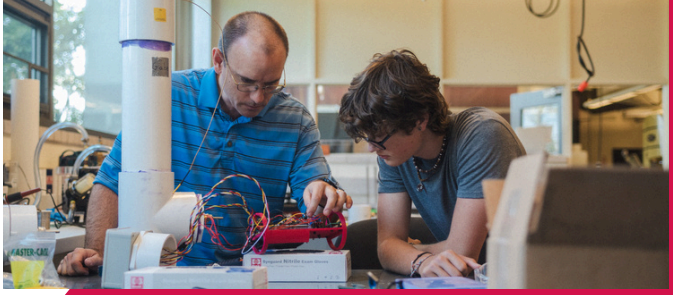
A gift of any amount helps remove financial barriers that other scholarships can't always address, making it possible for more students to remain on the path to graduation and their career.

A gift of $1,000 or more will allow you to name an Opportunity Scholarship for one academic year, letting students know that you believe in their success. You will also be welcomed into our President's Circle, recognizing annual investors in the future of USM and Maine.

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THANK YOU

Your generosity means that more students can access the life-changing opportunities that a University of Southern Maine education provides. Your investment in scholarships helps remove financial barriers, allowing talented students like Lizzy, Zachary, and Hibo to pursue their education, discover their potential, and prepare to make a meaningful difference in their communities. **Thank you for believing in our students and in the power of higher education to transform lives.** Your support is opening doors today while strengthening Maine's future for generations to come.

Learn more about scholarships at USM

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