# 2024-2025 University of Southern Maine Honors Leadership Development Scholarship Application

**Award Description:**

The Honors Leadership Development Scholarship provides support for students enrolled in the USM Honors Program. The scholarship is intended to foster leadership, cultivate community, and contribute to the success of academically motivated students.

A scholarship of $2,000 will be divided equally between the two semesters of the corresponding academic year.

**\*Scholarships are incorporated into your annual financial aid package on a yearly basis.** Current recipients are welcome to re-apply for the scholarship in subsequent years. Eligible Honors students may receive the scholarship for up to eight semesters of study at USM.

All incoming and currently enrolled Honors Students are welcome to apply.

**Eligible Students must...**

* Maintain at least half-time enrollment at USM.[[1]](#footnote-1)
* Have the Honors Minor and be an active member of the Honors Learning Community (e.g. enrolled in Honors course(s), involved in Honors Student Organization, participant in Honors events, conferences, etc.).
* Maintain a cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) of *at least* a 3.5.
* Attend regular meetings and workshops with the Honors Service-Learning Specialist.
* Complete 25 hours of documented service or leadership activities per semester.

**Expectations of Honors Program Merit Scholarship Recipient:**

* Follow and successfully complete the USM Honors Minor Curriculum (typically one course per semester);
* Engage in service or leadership activities which contribute substantially to one or more USM and Honors goals;
* Meet with the Honors Service Learning Specialist periodically; and
* Submit an end-of-semester timesheet and reflection essay which details service and/or leadership activities from the semester.

*\*If requirements are not met, the scholarship will be removed and/or eligibility to reapply will be revoked.*

**Required Application:**

1. Applicants must complete a federal financial aid (FAFSA) form from Financial Aid
2. Complete the application form (page 2)
3. Complete and attach the Application Essay

**Deadline:** Priority Deadline ofNovember 1st by 11:59pm to the Honors Director’s email:

Rebecca Nisetich

Email: [rebecca.nisetich@maine.edu](mailto:rebecca.nisetich@maine.edu)

# Application Form

# 2024-2025 University of Southern Maine

# Honors Leadership Development Scholarship

Name:

Pronouns:

USM ID#:

Date:

Email:

Local Address:

Local Phone:

Intended Major(s)/Minor(s) or Undeclared:

Honors courses you have completed or are currently taking:

**Essay Prompt:**

**We strive to see our scholars inject energy, passion, and drive into their academic work and the causes they care about. In a reflective essay of approximately 500 words, please describe how the Honors Leadership Development Scholarship will enable you to make positive contributions to the Honors Learning Community, to USM, and to the greater community.**

*Examples of community engagement may include and are not limited to: volunteer work, student government/organization involvement, climate activism, Husky Day of Service participation, service-learning courses, etc.*

**Essay Format:**

* Approximately 500 Words
* Double spaced
* Times New Roman 12 point font
* One-inch top, bottom, and side margins

Decisions will be made and applicants will be notified by mid-December, 2023. First installment will begin September 2024.

\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*

Information Privacy and Sharing: Applicants for scholarships (unless opting out by checking the box below) authorize the release of their name, directory, and academic information on file with the University of Southern Maine to Scholarship donors and others in conjunction with any University Scholarships they may receive.

𐀊 I do not authorize the release of information to donors and others in conjunction with any University scholarships I may receive.

1. This scholarship is intended to foster engagement *at USM*. Students who study abroad or take a semester off may re-apply in subsequent semesters. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)