

## What Obligation Do I Have If I Accept a Pulp & Paper Foundation Scholarship?

All scholarships are awarded for one year at a time to allow recipients to prepare for a technical career with a paper industry producer or supplier. Each student agrees to become familiar with the career opportunities available within the industry and to consider pursuing a paper-related career upon graduation from the University of Maine. It is the goal of the Foundation and its supporters to introduce students to a variety of opportunities to learn about and experience the challenges and rewards of a paper industry related career. We believe networking and mentoring with successful industry engineers as part of summer internship and co-op opportunities will lead to an exciting and enriching future career choice for graduating scholarship recipients.

Scholarships are annually renewed based on students meeting academic goals as well as continuing to demonstrate their interest in considering a paper industry technical career as a co-op with a paper producer, supplier of papermaking chemicals or machinery, or an engineering design or consulting firm who is a Foundation member.

If a scholarship recipient accepts a job opportunity outside the paper industry, the Foundation's financial support is terminated as of the date of employment, and the scholarship will not ordinarily be renewed.

The University of Maine Pulp & Paper Foundation reserves the right to modify scholarship awards at its discretion pending endowment performance.



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## How Much Job Demand is There for Engineers in the Paper Industry or With Industry Suppliers?

**The paper industry needs engineers!** Annual salaries for beginning engineers are in the \$65,000-\$75,000 range, with job offers coming from throughout the United States. Most paper industry job opportunities are for chemical engineers, followed by mechanical engineers, mechanical engineering technology, electrical engineers and electrical engineering technology graduates. **The current demand exceeds supply for these engineering students in the pulp and paper industry! 100% of Pulp & Paper Foundation Senior Scholarship recipients, are employed or (by choice) attending graduate school.** Students from all engineering disciplines are eligible to receive a Pulp & Paper Foundation scholarship.

My Pulp & Paper Foundation scholarship has been wonderful in lightening the monetary burden of a college education. What I did not expect when I was awarded the scholarship was the package of other “benefits” that came along with it. Under the guidance of the Foundation I will complete a co-op work experience, attend industry seminars, and have the opportunity for career networking through Foundation functions. Most importantly, the Foundation office is always there to help students, whether it be advice on career choices, personal problems, or anything a student is having trouble with. It is nice to know you are cared for at a large university.

Scholarship Recipient  
Chemical Engineering

Scholarship applications are available at the UMaine Pulp & Paper Foundation website:

[maineulpaper.org](http://maineulpaper.org)



## Merit-Based SCHOLARSHIPS For Engineering Students

Potential Value Up To \$36,000



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## What is the University of Maine Pulp & Paper Foundation?

The UMaine Pulp & Paper Foundation was incorporated in 1952 to provide support for the education and preparation of engineering graduates for challenging and rewarding careers in the pulp and paper and supplier industries. The Foundation is supported by annual gifts from more than 70 companies in 50 states, as well as individual gifts from more than 250 alumni and friends. In addition, the Foundation administers more than 225 endowed scholarship funds established by donors in recognition of their own opportunities and to encourage future students to consider the advantages of joining the paper industry.



## Why Does the Paper Industry Offer Scholarships for Students to Study Engineering at UMaine?

The pulp and paper and supplier industries need energetic, bright people to help solve challenging business and technical problems and to provide innovative ideas for future success.

UMaine engineering students have:

- Excellent Grades
- Leadership Skills
- Communication Skills
- Co-op/Intern Experience

The industry provides financial support and encouragement in order to have access to these much needed future engineers.

## Who is Eligible to Receive a P & P Foundation Scholarship?

- High school seniors who will attend UMaine to study engineering or engineering technology
- Current UMaine students enrolled in any engineering or engineering technology degree program

Students must be able to accept employment in the United States and must achieve a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0. Scholarship recipients must also demonstrate to the scholarship committee that they have an active interest in pursuing a career in the pulp and paper and supplier industries.

## What are the Scholarship Requirements?

- Cumulative GPA  $\geq 3.0$
- Active interest in a career in pulp and paper or supplier industries
  - Chinn Management Seminars
  - Student Organization Membership
  - Co-op job or internships after the sophomore year of study

Additional details are available when scholarship is awarded.

## Am I Likely to Receive a Scholarship?

You should apply for a UMaine Pulp & Paper Foundation Scholarship if you are:

- In the top 15% of your high school class
- Have combined SAT score of  $>1100$
- Receive academic honors
- Participate in extracurricular activities
- Possess excellent verbal and written communication skills

## What is the Scholarship Worth?

Each incoming class is awarded up to 4 full-tuition scholarships valued at over \$9,000 per year and 20 additional scholarships valued at \$8,500 per year. Upper-class awards are valued at \$6,000 per year.

## How Do I Apply for a Foundation Scholarship?

### Entering students

- First complete the online application form available on our website at [mainepulpaper.org/scholarships/](http://mainepulpaper.org/scholarships/)
- Then submit via email in PDF format to [jennifer.b.ireland@maine.edu](mailto:jennifer.b.ireland@maine.edu):
  1. Your full high school transcript,
  2. SAT/ACT scores, and
  3. A letter to the UMaine Pulp & Paper Foundation scholarship committee about yourself and why you are applying for the scholarship. (How have you learned about careers in the pulp and paper industry? How will you continue to pursue those opportunities while at UMaine?)

The application deadline for first-year scholarships is December 31st. Applications will continue to be accepted after that date only if funds are still available.

**College students** at or beyond the sophomore year of college may be eligible for scholarships through the UMaine Pulp & Paper Foundation. Visit our website at [mainepulpaper.org](http://mainepulpaper.org) for more information. The application deadline for upper-class students is March 31st for scholarship awards for the next academic year.

