

**Margaret Chase Smith Public Affairs Scholarship**  
 Undergraduate Student Application  
 2016-2017

APPLICATION DEADLINE: **FRIDAY APRIL 8, 2016, 12:00 Noon**

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:

1. Complete the information box below.
2. Provide a 2-page (not to exceed 500 words) proposal for research you will conduct while receiving this scholarship. **The selection committee will give priority to applications which evidence a clear and continuing interest in public affairs and which propose a research project on a relevant topic or issue in public policy.** You may include in the essay any information about yourself that you believe would be useful to the selection committee.
3. Identify an academic advisor for your proposed research and list his or her name on the space provided: \_\_\_\_\_ . (Does not have to be current academic advisor)
4. This application form, your essay, and two letters of recommendation **must be received no later than FRIDAY APRIL 8, 2016, 12:00 Noon.** One of your letters of recommendation must be from the academic advisor for your project, indicated above. Mail or hand deliver to:

Peggy McKee, room 113  
 Margaret Chase Smith Policy Center  
 5784 York Complex #4  
 University of Maine  
 Orono, ME 04469-5784  
 Phone: (207) 581-1644

<b>Name:</b>		
<i>First</i>	<i>Middle</i>	<i>Last</i>
<b>Home Address:</b>		
<b>Local Address (If different):</b>		
<b>Home Telephone:</b>		<b>Local Telephone (If different):</b>
<b>PeopleSoft ID #:</b>		<b>E-mail:</b>
<b>Academic Advisor for your Project:</b>		
<b>College Major:</b>	<b>Current GPA:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Sr <input type="checkbox"/> Jr <input type="checkbox"/> Sf <input type="checkbox"/> Fr
<b>Expected Graduation Date:</b>		<i>Indicate standing</i>
	<i>Month</i>	<i>Year</i>

### Margaret Chase Smith Public Affairs Scholarship

**STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:** The Margaret Chase Smith Public Affairs Scholarship was established in 1991 in the University of Maine Foundation with gifts from Harold Alfond to the Margaret Chase Smith Foundation in Skowhegan, Maine. The scholarship was established on the occasion of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Senator Smith's election to the U.S. House of Representatives and in recognition of her many years of dedicated public service to the citizens of Maine and to the nation from 1940 to 1973. Senator Smith's abiding belief was that real progress will be attained only through the education of Maine's young people.

**OBLIGATIONS:** The successful applicant must agree to be involved in a meaningful public affairs project during each scholarship year, which may include some research at the Margaret Chase Smith Library in Skowhegan. Scholarship winners work with faculty advisors and staff of the Margaret Chase Smith Policy Center in the conduct of research. The student and Center staff develop a dissemination plan that includes presentation at the UMaine Undergraduate Research & Academic Showcase.

**ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:** To be eligible, students must meet the following criteria:

- Be a resident of Maine, enrolled at UMaine;
- Be an undergraduate student with a GPA of 3.0 or higher;
- Be registered at the University of Maine for 12 credits or more; and
- Have completed 40 credit hours prior to the semester in which the student is applying.

**INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS:** The amount of the scholarship will be \$3,500 per year. All applicants will be notified of the committee's decision by early May. Selection is limited to students who show promise for future leadership in and contribution to public affairs. Applications will be evaluated according to:

- The relevance and significance of the proposed research topic to U.S./Maine public policy;
- The quality of written work expressed through the application essay.

**SCHOLARSHIP RENEWAL:** The scholarship may be renewed for up to three years, provided the recipient meets the following requirements:

- Submits their completed project by April 8;
- Continues to make satisfactory progress in his/her academic program;
- Continues to meet the criteria for the award; and
- Applies to renew the scholarship by submitting a satisfactory proposal for next year's project.

**FOR INFORMATION AND TO APPLY,** please visit:

<http://mcspolicycenter.umaine.edu/for-students/margaret-chase-smith-public-affairs-scholarship/>

Questions may be directed to Peggy McKee at [margaret.mckee@maine.edu](mailto:margaret.mckee@maine.edu) or phone 581-1644.

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