



The Margaret Chase Smith Research Scholarship will support up to two UMaine students to engage in research using the archival or museum collections of the Margaret Chase Smith Library in Skowhegan, Maine. Financial support for the Research Scholarship is made available by the Margaret Chase Smith Foundation. The goals of this program are:

- to promote undergraduate or graduate study of the life and legacy of Margaret Chase Smith;
- to enable students to develop insights into the relationship between archival research and the social, cultural and policy contexts related to Senator Smith and her work; and
- to develop students' research skills and their ability to observe, describe, and interpret archival and documentary data through hands-on experience.

Margaret Chase Smith Library staff will be available to help students identify and refine potential topics to ensure that the research aligns with the Library's collection and resources. Library staff also will assist in accessing archival materials held at the Library.

Scholarship recipients will be provided a \$1,500 stipend as well as funding to support costs related to travel to the Margaret Chase Smith Library and overnight accommodations. Students will be expected to spend a minimum of four days at the Library. Students will submit to the Library a final product that has been developed in consultation with Policy Center and Library staff. These may include written studies, video productions, and other substantive products.

### **Eligibility**

Students must be enrolled at UMaine in an undergraduate or graduate academic program. Undergraduate students must be at least in their junior year. Priority will be given to students who are pursuing a comprehensive research project associated with their degree programs (e.g., a capstone research project or the Honors College thesis). Students from all academic fields will be considered.

### **Application**

Students must submit a written proposal (approximately 500 words) outlining their interest in the scholarship, as well as their commitment to archival research about Senator Smith and/or the time period in which she lived. Students must identify a mentor, and the mentor must provide a letter of support for the student. Application materials should be sent to Charles Morris (see below).

### **Selection**

Scholarship recipients will be selected by a joint committee consisting of Policy Center and Library staff.

For more information and to submit application materials, please contact Charles Morris, Associate Director, Margaret Chase Smith Policy Center, 5784 York Complex #4, CAMPUS, (phone 581-4135, email: [morris@maine.edu](mailto:morris@maine.edu)).