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### **MAINE CHILDREN'S SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

#### **AWARDS SCHOLARSHIPS THROUGHOUT MAINE**

“It's nice to know there are programs out there to give low-income families a chance at a better education,” said Kari Hunt, Program Director.

The Maine Children's Scholarship Fund (MCSF) has awarded 65 scholarships to students in kindergarten through grade twelve for the 2014-2015 academic year. Scholarship awards, averaging \$940.81, have been granted to students from 21 towns in 10 Maine counties. According to one parent, “My daughter is thriving in school! This scholarship has taken a great deal of worry off my shoulders and will allow my daughter to stay at the small, independent school that she attends.”

The mission of the MCSF is to fill the gap in funding for parents who are denied access to educational opportunities because of low family income. It provides tuition scholarships for students K-12 for public school, private school, or home schooling expenses. The organization provides 75% of tuition per child up to \$1,400 for families whose income is at or below the Federal guidelines for the Free and Reduced Lunch Program. Families must contribute a minimum of 25% of tuition. The goal of the MCSF is for all Maine families to have maximum educational opportunities at all income levels.

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