



EMPOWER MAINE CHILDREN

MAINE CHILDREN'S SCHOLARSHIP FUND

CELEBRATING 24 YEARS

SPRING 2024



Dear Contributors,

Our family is beyond grateful for the support that has been given to us! Next year, we will have 2 in private school and schooling 2 at home. We truly could not do without this amazing program.

Our eldest will be seeking out colleges next year, hoping to study criminal justice. Our youngest will just be starting school. We are so thankful!

Love,
The Frank Family

A Note from the President:

Our Program Director, Kari, has taken a challenging full-time job, leaving no time for her part-time job with us. We were very fortunate to have had Kari for 22 years, but always knew her talent would lead to a full-time position.

We are thrilled to have our new Program Director, Chris, on board. Chris is Kari's sister, enabling a smooth transition for our talented new director.

One of the best predictors of student success is the extent to which families are involved in their child's education. Our families are very actively involved!

Parents seek information about; the varied education choices, consider the cost, study the details, as well as the pros and cons, and actively help their children be successful. Parents sometimes select several different education options. Sometimes they have a child or two in public school, another homeschooled, or perhaps children are in private school, or the newest option, a hybrid program.

Active parents result in successful students!

Parents deeply appreciate your gifts enabling them to fund the right education for their children, but our low-income families are struggling more than ever with inflation.

We have raised \$120,915 so far this year which is enough to award 157 scholarships. Unfortunately 404 students have applied, so again we will randomly select the recipients. The rest of the students will be on a waiting list.

Our goal this year is to raise a total of \$125,000. Can you help us so we can offer a few more scholarships?

Thank you so much,
Betsy Chapman



*Our new program director
Christine Picard*

New Hybrid Program

The Maine Children's Scholarship Fund is now offering a hybrid scholarship. The hybrid scholarship is for students not in traditional public/private school or homeschool. The hybrid scholarship helps with the cost of tuition only for students that are accepted to online academy's. MCSF will cover 65% of tuition up to \$900. For more information visit www.mecsf.org and review the program guidelines.

What is Maine Children's Scholarship Fund?

The Maine Children's Scholarship Fund (MCSF) provides scholarships to Maine children in grades K-12 to help pay for part of public, private or home-school and online academy expenses. MCSF provides 75 percent of tuition per child up to \$1400 and the families contribute at least 25 percent. MCSF reimburses home-schooling cost up to \$500 per child and reimburse 65% up to \$900 for online academy. Scholarships are awarded to all school aged children in a family. To qualify, family income must be at or below the Federal Free and Reduced Lunch Program

Accepting Applications

January 1, 2025 - April 30, 2025
Visit www.mecsf.org for more information.

"I wish I had known about the Maine Children's Scholarship Fund when I moved back home to Maine and interviewed for private schools for my daughter. Knowing there was the possibility of a scholarship to assist with a portion of the tuition, it would have been life changing for the both of us."

- Our Program Director -

Ways you can help

Please help us spread the word with this newsletter.
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A donation of \$1,400.00 will support one private school student on our waiting list.

A donation of \$900.00 will support one hybrid student on our waiting list.

A donation of \$500.00 will support one homeschool student on our waiting list.

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