

As a high school guidance counselor, I have seen firsthand how the Maine Free College Scholarship has transformed opportunities for students who might have otherwise struggled to afford higher education. It has removed financial barriers, allowing more students to pursue their goals without the burden of debt. On a personal level, I've also experienced the impact of this program—my own daughter attends Southern Maine Community College and benefits from this scholarship. Knowing that she and so many others can access a quality education without the stress of tuition costs is truly life-changing. This scholarship is not just an investment in students; it is an investment in Maine's future workforce and communities.