



A Scholarship for Maine Veterans who served
in the Post-September 11 conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan

I. PURPOSE STATEMENT

The *Boulos Family Scholarship* was established by Joe and Sheri Boulos to recognize and show appreciation to the men and women of Maine who served their country in Iraq or Afghanistan during the post-September 11th conflicts. The scholarship covers the average total cost of tuition for a two-year program at a Maine Community College, or the equivalent amount applied toward another regionally accredited Maine higher education institution.

II. SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES

Eligibility

The Boulos Family Scholarship is available to Maine military personnel who served in Iraq or Afghanistan in the post-September 11, 2001 conflicts. Personnel currently serving in the U.S. Military, or in the National Guard or Reserves, or those who have been honorably discharged, may be eligible. Scholarship recipients must have been a Maine resident prior to serving in either conflict. Scholarships from the fund will be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis.

Requirements

- The scholarship may be used at any regionally accredited Maine higher education institution and may cover such costs as tuition, fees, books, supplies, room & board, and general student support.
- Recipients must be enrolled or accepted either full-time or part-time in any given semester in a regionally accredited Maine higher education institution.
- Scholarships will cover credit courses only.
- Students enrolled in undergraduate or graduate courses/programs are eligible.
- Recipients may use their scholarships for a period of up to two years from the date of the initial award. Any scholarship funds not expended by the end of the two-year period will be used to fund scholarships for other eligible veterans.
- Any individual who meets the scholarship eligibility guidelines, *regardless of financial need*, will receive a Boulos Family Scholarship as long as funds are available.
- A scholarship recipient enrolled in a regionally accredited Maine higher education institution must be a student in good standing at his/her respective college.

Scholarship Award

- To receive the Scholarship, Maine veterans who meet the eligibility criteria must complete a Boulos Family Scholarship application form with a college official. You will need to show official verification of military services (DD-214 or other official documentation).
- The scholarship award is \$5,520. The award is based on the average total tuition of a two-year program at a Maine Community College (60 credits). The current \$92 per credit hour rate equals \$2,760 per year.
- Once awarded, the scholarship will be paid directly to the recipient's institution on a semester by semester basis. At no time will the scholarship be paid directly to an individual by the administering agency. The awards will be made after the add/drop period of each semester (according to the college schedule of the recipient's institution). Payment will be made directly to the college, under the following payment schedule:

1 to 4 credit hours: \$370	9 to 11 credit hours: \$1,015
5 to 8 credit hours: \$740	12+ credit hours: \$1,380

The Boulos Family Scholarship is administered by the Maine Community College System. For more information, please contact your Financial Aid Office.

Completed applications must be submitted to Marcia Schools at mschools@mccs.me.edu or the following address:

The Boulos Family Scholarship
Maine Community College System
323 State Street
Augusta ME 04330

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Application For Award

To be eligible, an applicant must:

- Have served in Iraq or Afghanistan in the post-September 11, 2001 conflicts;
- Be currently serving in the U.S. Military, the National Guard, or Reserves, or have been honorably discharged;
- Have been a Maine resident prior to serving in either conflict;
- Be enrolled or accepted in a credit course or program at a regionally accredited Maine higher education institution; and
- Show proof of military service (DD-214 or other official military documentation).

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____
First Middle Last

Address: _____
Street City State Zip

Email Address: _____ Telephone #: _____ SSN: _____

Name of College Attending: _____ Major _____

Expected Credential (if applicable): _____

I verify that _____ has served in Iraq or Afghanistan in the post-September 11, 2001.

Student Name

With submission of this form to the Maine Community College System (MCCS), the student understands that the MCCS may contact the college to verify enrollment in order to release available funds to the college from his/her scholarship account. The student further understands that the college may contact the MCCS about his/her scholarship account balance.

Official Name

Title

Phone

E-Mail

Date

Request for Non-Disclosure of Directory Information

The Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) protects the privacy of your education records by restricting how and to whom the educational institution maintaining the records can disclose them. Under FERPA, the Maine Community College System (MCCS) may release "directory information" about you at any time to include: name, address, date of birth, scholarship award, college attending, major field of study, expected graduation date, credential or degree and other honors and awards received. However, under the law, you have a right to prevent the MCCS from disclosing your directory information. If you do not wish this information disclosed, please check the box below. Please note that if you check the box, no information will be released about you – not to family, prospective employers, friends, or in press releases listing you as a Boulos Family Scholarship recipient.

The student does not authorize the MCCS to release the "directory information" about him/her listed above. The student understands that this choice will remain in effect unless and until he/she makes a written request to change it.

OFFICE USE ONLY

Amount of Scholarship Awarded

Approved by MCCS Official

Date

For information or questions, contact Marcia Schools at 207-629-4000 or mschools@mccs.me.edu.