

# Barowsky Scholars

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## 2024 - 2025 Scholarship Guidelines

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### ABOUT

The Barowsky Scholars is a scholarship that aims to support students residing in the state of Maine, who are planning to attend a four-year college to obtain their bachelor's degree.

This scholarship seeks to support students who are interested in honing their careful listening, civic discourse, facilitation, and negotiation skills to become leaders that build trust and find common ground across people and groups with differing views and experiences.

The program is funded by Andrew P. Barowsky Foundation and administered by The Philanthropic Initiative (TPI).

### THE AWARD

- Four-year, renewable scholarship to cover tuition, fees, and educational expenses at a competitive four-year college/university in the U.S.
- Merit-based scholarship for students who are motivated to excel in college, able to be open-minded, committed to bridging divides, and working toward building a better society.
- Scholarship amounts will be determined in-part based on the financial aid award package the student receives from the college they choose to attend. Scholarship amounts will range from \$5,000 to \$25,000 per year.

### ELIGIBILITY

<b>Residency</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• U.S. citizen and current resident of Maine.</li></ul>
<b>Personal Circumstances</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• High school senior or recent high school graduate.</li><li>• Enrolling as a first-year student in a competitive four-year degree program, at an accredited, not-for-profit, private or public college or university in the U.S. full-time in 2024-2025.</li></ul>
<b>Academic</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Strong academic record in high school.</li><li>• Motivated to excel in college and make a difference in their community, and in society overall.</li><li>• Plans to complete <b>one</b> Economics course and <b>two</b> of the following courses prior to completing college: Accounting, Finance, History or Psychology.</li></ul>
<b>Personal</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Student demonstrates a commitment to reasoned, rational thinking, an ability to collaborate and work across difference, and a desire to deploy those skills in furtherance of civic engagement.</li><li>• Involved in a balance of community, school, and work activities.</li><li>• Student must be planning to live on campus (e.g. in university organized housing or student-group organized housing) and to attend classes in-person to receive and to renew the scholarship.</li></ul>

Complete applications are **due Friday, March 15, 2024 by noon**. Only complete applications submitted online will be reviewed. Please follow instructions carefully.

You can access the application here: <https://www.grantinterface.com/Home/Logon?urlkey=barowsky>

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### HOW TO APPLY

1. **Review Eligibility:** Review these guidelines for eligibility requirements.
2. **Review Application:** A PDF of the application is available for download at: <https://tpi.org/barowsky-scholars/>
3. **Required Documents:** Instructions on how to submit required attachments are included in the online application (options include uploading electronic files, scanning and uploading, or using a fax-to-file feature).
4. **Recommendation:** Recommender must upload a letter of recommendation to the student's online application. Instructions are included in the application.
5. Please contact us at [barowskyscholars@tpi.org](mailto:barowskyscholars@tpi.org) with any questions.

### REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

The following materials are required. Only complete applications submitted online will be considered.

1. **Application Submitted Online**
2. **Extracurricular Information or Resume**
3. **Letter of Recommendation** (from a teacher, guidance counselor, work supervisor, community leader, coach, or any other non-family member who knows the student well)
4. **Personal Essays**
  - A writing sample that reflects the student's personal history and aspirations for the future (e.g. college application essays or personal statement)
  - A personal essay responding to the following prompt. Please do your best to address ALL of the following questions:
    - Please write about a personal experience, sharing specific examples of when you have worked to find common ground with another person or group of people. What issue(s) were you divided over? What did you do, what was the result and what did you learn from the experience? While in college, what skills will you look to develop to be more effective in bridging divides? What classes or extracurriculars do you hope to take or get involved in to help you gain these skills?
5. **High School Transcript**
6. **Financial Aid Award letter from the college/university the student plans to attend**
7. **FAFSA Submission Summary.** The ENTIRE document must be submitted. If the student has not applied for federal financial aid, please indicate in the application.

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### EXPECTATIONS FOR SCHOLARSHIP RENEWAL

Renewal of the scholarship is contingent upon the following:

- Students maintaining a grade point average of 3.0 or higher (on a 4.0 scale, or equivalent).
- Students must take **one** Economics course and **two** of the following: Accounting, Finance, History, or Psychology before completion of their final year in college.
- Student must be planning to live on campus (e.g. in university organized housing or student-group organized housing) and to attend classes in-person to receive and to renew the scholarship.
- Barowsky scholars are expected to make every effort to attend scholarship sponsored events aimed at building community and developing skills.

Recipients of the scholarship will be required to complete a short renewal application annually to receive the scholarship for the following academic year.

### TIMELINE

- Application deadline is Friday, March 15, 2024.
- Scholarship recipients and amounts will be announced in June 2024.
- Scholarships will be processed in July 2024.

**QUESTIONS/COMMENTS:** Please contact us at [barowskyscholars@tpi.org](mailto:barowskyscholars@tpi.org)