

MAINE SOUTH PARENTS' SCHOLARSHIP CLUB

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Maine South Parents Scholarship Club (MSPSC) awards \$1,000 scholarships annually based on the applications received from well rounded seniors in the following categories: applicant essay, letters of recommendation, extra curricular activities, relevant work, community service, volunteer experience and/or any awards or honors earned. Please note that ACT/SAT test scores are optional. Test scores, GPA & ACC/AP courses will be used to determine any tie breakers, but not in initial overall scoring.

MSPSC also has several scholarships with special designations. Below is a list of the scholarships with special designations. Note: The same application is used to apply for all scholarships whether they are the general MSPSC Scholarship or one of the following scholarships. The number of scholarships awarded each year varies in number based on annual funds donated to MSPSC.

Please check if you are applying for a specific scholarship award:

- Please consider me for any and all scholarships.**
- General MSPSC only**
- McGovern/Wind only**
- Jan Cannon only**
- Amina Grace only - junior or senior, may not win twice**
- Clyde Watson only**
- Virginia Feurer only**

Scholarship Details

Generously donated by:

- **Martin McGovern/Scotty Wind Memorial Scholarship** Both Martin and Scotty were Maine South graduates and best friends that were tragically taken away from us too soon. This special scholarship, in their memory, is given to recipients who have excelled in soccer, music, student council and foreign language. Each of these areas were important to them.
- **Amina Grace Memorial Fund Scholarship** The Amina Grace Memorial Fund was started in memory of 5-year-old Amina Grace Cullen Ali, a child with Down syndrome who passed away in 2014 at the age of 5. The fund is to honor Amina Grace's life and change the way the world sees people with differing abilities. The mission of the fund is to see the value in every person and realize that all people have amazing abilities but sometimes they may need a little help to live up to their full potential. Including everyone and promoting acceptance adds value to the community and society. Inclusion can start with a small gesture like a smile, a wave or inviting someone to join your lunch table. This could build to inviting someone to join you at school dance or sport, hang out after school or join you at a party. Students must demonstrate leadership or involvement in advocating for and championing inclusion and awareness efforts for those with differing abilities and have the following criteria:
 - Junior or Senior at Maine South
 - Attendance at diversity, equity, and inclusion events throughout the year.
 - Demonstrates commitment towards building acceptance and awareness for people with differing abilities at Maine South and in the community.
 - GPA is a minimum of 2.5 for this award.
 - The scholarship will be used toward post high school education.
 - This scholarship may not be won twice, meaning once as a junior and again as a senior.

In Honor of:

- **Clyde K. Watson Award** Dr. Watson was the first principal at Maine South in 1964. The student given this award must exemplify the highest level of personal and scholastic achievement.
- **Virginia Feurer Award** Virginia was a longtime career counselor at Maine South and a liaison to the MSPSC. The student given this award must demonstrate enthusiasm for community service and giving back. This scholarship will be awarded to an applicant who has best exhibited a high level of volunteerism throughout their time at Maine South.
- **Jan Cannon Award** Jan was a longtime career counselor at Maine South and school liaison to the MSPSC. The student given this award has exemplified a natural mentoring ability and an interest to study in the field of education.

2026 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Please check this box acknowledging that if you are awarded a full tuition/full cost of attendance scholarship (aka a full ride) from either the college or another organization, then you will not be eligible for these scholarships. The scholarships money will be awarded to the next student who applied through our club.

Student ID #:	
Student Name:	
Home Address:	
City:	
Student Cell:	
Student Email:	
Parent Email:	
Counselor Name:	

Extracurricular activities: List your most significant activities including years of participation, approximate hours/week and the number of months during the year spent on this activity. You may add additional rows if necessary.

9	10	11	12	Name and brief description of activity (indicate Leadership Roles / Special Recognition)	Hours /week	Months during year

Inclusion/Awareness Activities: This is not necessary for all applications but will be needed if you would like to be considered for the Amina Grace Memorial Fund Scholarship. List your demonstrated leadership or involvement in advocating for and championing inclusion efforts for individuals with differing abilities in your community. How have you demonstrated awareness and acceptance? Include participation in Disability Pride Month, Pride/Respect Week, Hawk Pals, volunteer/work with Special Olympics, Misericordia, MNASR, Avenues to Independence, Have Dreams or any organizations that supports the differing abilities communities.

9	10	11	12	Name and brief description of activity (indicate Leadership Roles / Special Recognition)	Hours /week	Months during year

Work/Volunteer experiences: List your paid and unpaid work, community service, and volunteer experiences including years of participation, approximate hours/week, and the number of months during the year spent on this activity. You may add additional rows if necessary.

9	10	11	12	Name and brief description of work/volunteer experience (paid or unpaid). Indicate Leadership Roles / Special Recognition.	Hours /week	Months during year

Honors/Awards: List your significant honors and awards earned from 9th through 12th grades. You may add additional rows if necessary.

Year	Name and brief description of honor/award	Type of award (National, Regional, State, Community, School)

Additional information that will be used in the event of a tie in scoring:

What college do you plan to attend? (or undecided)			
Field of Study/Major (or undecided)			
Weighted GPA: (e.g. 4.4 / 5.0 scale)			
Non-Weighted GPA: (e.g. 3.6 / 4.0 scale)			
# of AP/ACC classes taken (e.g. 5.0 scale classes)			
ACT or SAT Score: (optional)			
Do you have a Student Aid Index from your FAFSA?	Yes, please state your SAI	No	Unsure
Are you Pell Grant and/or MAP Grant eligible?	Yes	No	Unsure

Essay Prompt

Please include an essay on one of the following topics (maximum length: 1-page, typed)

- a. Please describe the most impactful contribution you have made to Maine South over the past four years.
OR
- b. Please describe any struggles or hardships you have experienced that made the most impact on you over your time at Maine South.
OR
- c. Please describe how being a member of the Maine South community has impacted you in a meaningful way.

Letters of Recommendation - two personal references required

- One reference **MUST** be from a Maine South staff member (counselor, teacher, coach, etc.).
- The second reference can be another Maine South staff member or another adult (employer, coach, etc.).
- Family members/relatives **CANNOT** be used as a personal reference.
- If you have already asked for recommendation letters for college purposes, we encourage you to contact these references again.
- Please ask your references early and provide them ample time to complete your recommendation letter - minimum of 10 school days in advance. [Letter of recommendation form.](#)

Submission Instructions

- Please return your completed application with an essay to the CCRC by **Thursday, April 2nd, 2026 at 3:30 PM**. The review committee will not accept applications received after this deadline.
- Letters of recommendation should be emailed to applicationsmspse@gmail.com by **Thursday April 2nd, 2026 at 3:30 PM**. The review committee will not accept applications received after this deadline.

Additional information

- The CCRC will print and provide your transcript information to the committee once you submit your application so you do **NOT** need to provide us with a copy of your transcript.
- *Please note: this scholarship is test-optional; you may choose to self-report your ACT or SAT or not; students who do not report will not be penalized.
- MSPSC board members will notify students whether or not they have been awarded a scholarship prior to Maine South's Senior Night where they will formally be announced on May 13, 2026.

Names of persons providing letters of recommendation (send them this form):
1.
2.

Typing the names below will count as your signature and indicates that the information provided in this application is true and complete. You agree to accept any decision that the Scholarship Committee may make with the understanding that the decision of the committee is final.

Student Signature:		Date:	
Parent/Guardian Signature:		Date:	

All information is kept confidential and shredded once finalized.