

Upward Bound at USM
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Carole Collins' Futures Award
\$2,400 Scholarship for TRIO Upward Bound at USM Alum

The Carole Collins' Futures Award assists graduates from the TRIO Upward Bound program at the University of Southern Maine entering their second year of college. Scholarships are renewable up to \$2,400.00 over three years; offered each year for full-time study at an accredited institution of the student's choice. The amount of the award will increase each year as the student gets closer to graduating with their bachelor's degree. This scholarship program is funded by and administered by Upward Bound at USM Dollars for Scholars, a chapter of Scholarship America. The award is granted without regard to color, creed, religion, sexual orientation, age, gender, disability or national origin.

Award(s):

Recipient(s) of this award will receive up to a total of **\$2,400** over three (3) years. This award is given for undergraduate study only, and is renewable up to three years or until a bachelor's degree is earned, whichever occurs first. Renewal is contingent upon satisfactory academic performance in a full-time course of study. The amount of the award will be:

- \$775.00 scholarship for a student's second year of study
- \$800.00 scholarship for a student's third year of study
- \$825.00 scholarship for a student's fourth year of study

Eligibility:

Applicants to the Carole Collins' Futures Award must:

- Be at least 17 years of age
- Be a U.S. Citizen, U.S. permanent resident or be granted deferred action status under DACA.
- Former participant of the TRIO Upward Bound Program at the University of Southern Maine
- Have completed or expected to successfully complete a minimum of one full year of postsecondary education (24-30 earned credits)
- Be a matriculated student in an accredited two- or four-year college, university or vocational-technical school in the US.
- Be studying to obtain an associate's or bachelor's degree
- Have a minimum cumulative college GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale
- Demonstrate financial need

To Apply:

- Applicants should apply through our website at: <http://www.upwardbound-usm.dollarsforscholars.org>
- Click on the “**Students & Parents**” tab at the top of the page
- Select the “**Click to Login**” button at the bottom of the page and log in. If you have a profile from your high school application you may use the email and password from that profile (tip: be sure to update any new contact info). There is a 'Forgot Password' option at sign in if you need it. If you do not have a profile you may create one using a valid email address and creating a password.
- Students will need to complete their full student profile; please note that some sections are not relative but applicants would still need to satisfy parts of the profile by selecting “none to report”.
- Correspondence throughout the application process will be by email. Email messages will be sent to the email address registered when you created your account. Students failing to use a valid active email account may not receive consideration. Be sure to check this email address regularly!
- Application is evaluated on the information supplied; therefore answer all questions as completely as you can.

Required Documents:

- Each applicant should submit an updated University/College official academic transcript and report their 2018-2019 Estimated Family Contribution (EFC) as reported on the FAFSA. Academic transcripts may be sent electronically to ubusmdfs@yahoo.com or by mail to PO Box 424, Gorham, ME 04038

Selection of Recipients:

Scholarship recipients will be selected on the basis of academic record, demonstrated leadership in community service, statement of goals and aspirations and unusual personal or family circumstances that demonstrate the student has overcome barriers to success and an outside recommendation(s). All eligibility requirements as outlined above will be used. A selection committee of board members, educators and community leaders will select the recipient on an anonymous and nondiscriminatory basis. All applicants agree to accept the decision as final.

Revisions:

Upward Bound at USM Dollars for Scholars reserves the right to review the conditions and procedures of this scholarship program and to make changes at any time including termination of the program.

Questions? Contact us:

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Mail: P.O. Box 524 Gorham, ME 04038

Deadlines:

Applicants should submit all materials by Friday, July 6, 2018