**Patricia A. Hughes Memorial Scholarship**

**Description:**

Patricia A. Hughes dedicated her life to the field of education and helping others learn. She was a lifelong learner and believed higher education is attainable no matter what age a person is. Pat wanted all teachers, childcare providers, librarians and non-profit leaders in the State of Maine to understand the importance of parental literacy and its importance to the literacy of children and families. Pat was a true advocate of literacy and lifelong learning. The Patricia A. Hughes was established in 2021 for those who are seeking to start their educational career, better their lives and become a lifelong learner themselves.

Amount of Scholarship:

This will vary based on interest gained by the scholarship fund each year but is expected to be between $300 and $400 annually.

Those eligible to apply for this scholarship must meet the following **Eligibility Criteria:**

1. **Must be a resident of the State of Maine.**
2. **Must be an Adult Education HiSet recipient, college transitions learner or SPICE graduate.**
3. **Must be pursuing one of the following:**

 **Certificate, training or license to pursue a career.**

 **Higher education degree in a two or four year college.**

**Funds may be used for the following:**

Tuition paid to the college the semester after receiving the award. (Must submit a bill from an institution of higher learning along with student number and any other information needed.)

Tuition paid to a program offering a certificate, training or license as outlined above. (A bill from the program must be submitted.)

Supplies needed for training. (Must submit a receipt.)

To apply, please answer the following questions. Applications can be submitted in writing or via a video. Please note the scoring rubric below.

1. Why is education important to you? Please explain.
2. How have you overcome challenges to pursue your education?
3. For what training/further education will you use this scholarship?
4. How will this training change your life?

Please also give your name, adult education program you are part of, your phone and email address. Please also submit a letter of recommendation from the Adult Education program that you are graduating from or participating in with your application.

Application can be mailed to Shirley Wright, Maine Adult Education Association, 841 North Road, Dover Foxcroft, ME 04426 or emailed to swright345@gmail.com

Scoring Rubric

\*The family of Patricia A. Hughes may waive the right to use the scoring rubric in choosing a winner. If Maine Adult Education Association chooses the winner (and this would be approved by the family), they will use the scoring rubric. Twelve total points are available to each applicant.

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| Why is education important to the applicant?  | Applicant gives one solid example of why education is important to him/her. | Applicant gives two solid examples of why education is important to him/her | Applicant gives three solid examples of why education is important to him/her/ |
| How has the applicant overcome challenges to pursue his or her education? | Applicant has overcome one challenge to pursue his or her education and is able to describe that challenge well. | Applicant has overcome two challenges to pursue his or her education and is able to describe those challenges well. | Applicant has overcome three or more challenges to pursue his or her education and is able to describe those challenges well. |
| How will scholarship be used? Type of training. | Applicant has ideas for training. | Applicant has plans for the future and will enter the workforce after the training is completed. | Applicant has a clear goal plan in place for training and will earn a sufficient wage after training to be self-sufficient. |
| How will training change/impact the applicant’s life? | Applicant can demonstrate one way that participating in this training will change his or her life. | Applicant can demonstrate two ways that completion of this training will change his or her life. | Applicant can demonstrate three ways that completion of this training will change his or her life. |