**MAEA Scholarship Criteria 2024**

**Student is enrolled in a Maine Adult Education program and will complete the HiSET, a high school diploma or requirements for post-secondary admission via a Maine College Transitions Program by July 1, 2024.**

**Student is a Maine Resident.**

**Student has two current references from the adult education program of enrollment and both are able to be contacted to verify the student’s status and chance for positive completion of a program.**

**Maine Adult Education Association Scholarship Essay**

Please write a personal statement in essay form. In your statement, be sure to include answers to the questions below.

1. Why have you have chosen the above school and course of study?
2. How did Adult Education help you meet your personal educational goals?
3. Why are you are applying for this scholarship? Do you have any unusual financial situations of which the scholarship committee should be aware?

MAEA Scholarship Application Essay Rubric

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* Content: Clearly indicates the student’s intent to pursue a post-secondary education and addresses how the scholarship will assist education plan
* Conventions/Organization: Clearly demonstrates developed by planning, revising, editing, and rewriting, with one main idea per paragraph, supporting details, and linking AND Command of conventions of standard English including spelling, punctuation, and capitalization

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* Content: Identifies student’s intent to pursue a post-secondary education and provides evidence of how the scholarship will assist education plan
* Conventions/Organization: demonstrates developed by planning, revising, editing, and rewriting, with one main idea per paragraph, supporting details, and linking AND Command of conventions of standard English including spelling, punctuation, and capitalization

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* Content: provides minimal evidence of student’s intent to pursue post-secondary education and how the scholarship will assist education plan
* Conventions/Organization: Minimally demonstrates developed by planning, revising, editing, and rewriting, with one main idea per paragraph, supporting details, and linking AND Command of conventions of Standard English including spelling, punctuation, and capitalization.

**Additional points available:**

**A applicant may receive up to 2 points for participation in a community based organization or volunteer activity.**