

# MAINELY CHARACTER

The scholarship where character counts

## Paper Application

If you cannot complete the application online you may complete this application and mail it to the address below with a postmark no later than March 1.

Mainely Character  
Post Office Box 11131  
Portland, Maine 04104

### **PART ONE: Applicant and High School Information**

Applicant's Last Name:
Applicant's First Name:
Applicant's E-Mail Address:
Best Phone Number to Reach Applicant:
Applicant's Home Mailing Address:
Name of Applicant's High School:
Mailing Address of High School:
Telephone Number of High School:
Name of Applicant's School Guidance Counselor:
E-Mail Address of Applicant's School Guidance Counselor:
Scholarships are awarded in a surprise presentation. Please provide the name, email and phone number of a person to contact if you are selected. We suggest a parent or guardian.

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## PART TWO: References

Provide contact information for three references who know you well enough to attest to your character, especially the information you provide in your Character Statement. We do not suggest that you use relatives for references unless there are extenuating circumstances. Do NOT provide written references with your application; these will be discarded. A member of the Mainely Character board will contact your references, if necessary.

Reference #1 Name:
How do you know this person?
E-Mail address (if available):
Phone number (essential):

Reference #2 Name:
How do you know this person?
E-Mail address (if available):
Phone number (essential):

Reference #3 Name:
How do you know this person?
E-Mail address (if available):
Phone number (essential):

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## PART THREE: Character Statement

Mainely Character Scholarships are awarded to individuals who demonstrate these four core principles of exemplary character:

**Concern:** Communicating compassion and a caring attitude toward others.

**Responsibility:** Demonstrating commitment and conviction through your actions.

**Integrity:** Being truthful and trustworthy to oneself and others.

**Courage:** Persisting through difficulty, distress, or fear in order to achieve something important.

The Character Statement is your opportunity to tell us about YOUR character in YOUR own words. In your statement, please include stories/specific examples from YOUR life that you believe accurately illustrate YOUR character. Aim to convey how YOUR character has been shaped and challenged by experiences and events. What you choose to write here will be all that we will know about you; please be detailed.

The structure of the Character Statement includes six prompts. Please respond to the prompts in 6 numbered sections of *up to 150 words* each. Number your responses in order (1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6) so we can associate them with the prompts.

1. **Introduction:** Explain why you should be considered for a scholarship based on character. (*Up to 150 words*)
2. **Concern:** Provide examples of how you showed compassion and caring for others, helping others to achieve their best. (*Up to 150 words*)
3. **Responsibility:** Share examples of commitment and conviction when you acted to take responsibility for a problem, issue, or situation. (*Up to 150 words*)
4. **Integrity:** Describe situations where you showed personal integrity by acting ethically or remaining true to your values. (*Up to 150 words*)
5. **Courage:** When have you needed to call upon courage? Share instances when you showed personal courage by facing and overcoming difficulty, distress, or fear. (*Up to 150 words*)
6. **Additional:** What else should the committee understand about you that makes you a person of character? Use this section to add an example, a story, or information that further clarifies or illustrates your character. Consider your passions, values, or key influences on your life. If you provide a link to a website as part of your application, please also explain how this relates to your character.