



## Scholarship Application Scoring Rubric

Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Does the applicant meet the below requirements? (all must be YES to move onto scoring)**

- Maine resident \_\_\_\_\_
- Attend a Maine-based post-secondary educational institution: \_\_\_\_\_
- Intend to complete a full two-year or four-year degree program or certificate equivalent \_\_\_\_\_

Criteria	Description	Score Range	Weight	Maximum Points	Points Awarded
<b>1. Residency &amp; Enrollment</b>	Applicant must be a <b>Maine resident</b> attending a <b>Maine-based post-secondary educational institution.</b>	0 = Not met 10 = Met	10%	10 points	
<b>2. Entrepreneurial Goals in Maine</b>	Applicant must demonstrate a clear <b>vision of entrepreneurial goals</b> in Maine. The applicant should explain how they plan to contribute to the state's economy or society, emphasizing their entrepreneurial spirit and goals.	0 = No vision 10 = Some vision 20 = Clear vision 25 = Clear and compelling vision	25%	25 points	
<b>3. Scholarship Impact</b>	Applicant must articulate how the scholarship will directly <b>support their success</b> in pursuing entrepreneurial goals in Maine (e.g., help with tuition, materials, startup funds, mentorship, etc.).	0 = No clear impact 10 = Somewhat clear impact 20 = Strong, detailed impact	20%	20 points	
<b>4. Experience with Family-Owned Business</b>	If applicable, applicant should describe their <b>experience with a family-owned business</b> , emphasizing skills gained, challenges overcome, and relevance to their entrepreneurial aspirations.	0 = No experience 3 = Limited experience 5 = Relevant, significant experience	5%	5 points	
<b>5. Recommendation from School Official</b>	<b>Letter of recommendation from a school official</b> (teacher, counselor, etc.) reflecting the applicant's character, academic abilities, and potential for success in their entrepreneurial journey.	0 = No letter 10 = Basic letter 15 = Strong, detailed letter	15%	15 points	
<b>6. Recommendation from Community Member</b>	<b>Letter of recommendation from a person knowledgeable about the applicant's community involvement</b> , including leadership qualities, work ethic, and contribution to the local community.	0 = No letter 10 = Basic letter 15 = Strong, detailed letter	15%	15 points	
<b>7. Academic Achievement (GPA)</b>	<b>Minimum GPA requirement of 3.0 or above.</b> Applicants with a GPA below 3.0 will not be considered.	0 = Below 3.0 GPA 10 = 3.0 or Above GPA	10%	10 points	
				<b>Judges Score</b>	

Judge Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Judge Notes: \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Maximum Score: 100 Points Scoring Guidelines:**

- 0 points** = Does not meet criteria or provides insufficient details.
- 10 points** = Meets criteria but lacks depth or detail.
- 20 points** = Exceeds expectations with strong evidence and clear explanation.