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**Legislative Memorial Scholarship Association**

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**September 2021**

The Legislative Memorial Scholarship Fund was established in 1995 in memory of all those who have served the Maine Legislature. The annual Scholarship Auction is the primary source for raising funds and is a successor to the Gould-Michaud Scholarship Auction. The Gould-Michaud Scholarship Fund was established on behalf of the late Representative Stephen Gould (R-Stillwater) and David Michaud, House Page, who was killed by a drunk driver.

The LMS fund started awarding $500 scholarships in 1997. In 2002, the awards were increased to $750 and in 2003, to $1000. Since its inception as the LMS, **the fund has awarded a total of $340,000** to one student from each of Maine’s sixteen counties. Awards are made to Maine residents attending Maine post-secondary schools based on various requirements including an essay, recommendations, community participation, academic standing and need. In addition, the Legislative Memorial Scholarship Association has supported the Stephen Gould Legislative Memorial Scholarship and the David Michaud Memorial Scholarship.

**Scholarship Applications and Award Ceremony**

In most years, the Legislature celebrates the student’s achievements and awards scholarships at an in-person ceremony. As the COVID pandemic continued to impact plans, the scholarships awarded in 2021 to selected students who applied by the June 1, 2020 deadline were sent to the students directly.

The date of the **2022 scholarship award ceremony** for selected students who applied by the June 1, 2021 deadline has not been determined at this time.

Applicants may begin applying for the scholarship to be awarded in 2023 on February 1, 2022.

 The application deadline is June 1, 2022.

**Scholarship applications** are available online at:

<http://www.famemaine.com/scholarships/maine-legislative-memorial-scholarship-fund/>

**Legislative Memorial Scholarship Auction and Sponsorships**

The biennial Legislative Memorial Scholarship Auction is the sole fundraiser for the scholarship program. Due to COVID-19, the 2021 auction was cancelled. The date of the 2023 auction has not been determined at this time.

Monetary donations can be made at any time.

**Auction donation and sponsorship forms** can be found online at

<http://legislature.maine.gov/lio/legislative-memorial-scholarship-fund/9083>

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