



## Maine Association of Local Emergency Managers 2026 Emergency Management Scholarship General Rules and Information

The **Maine Association of Local Emergency Managers (MALEM)** is pleased to offer a scholarship opportunity for students pursuing higher education in emergency management or a closely related field. We anticipate two (2) scholarships of \$500 each will be awarded, but awards may be adjusted based on the volume of competitive applications.

### Eligibility

Applicants must meet one of the following criteria:

- Be a Maine resident enrolled in an in-state or out-of-state degree program, or
- Be an out-of-state student enrolled in a Maine-based degree program

### Application Timeline

- **Application opens:** January 19, 2026
- **Application deadline:** February 20, 2026
- Applications will be reviewed by the MALEM Awards & Scholarship Committee in March.
- Recipients will be notified by early April 2026.
- Scholarship recipients may be invited to a MALEM meeting (tentatively May) for public recognition.

### How to Apply

Completed applications must be submitted **as one email** (with materials attached) by the deadline to:

Emily Kaster, Chair, MALEM Awards & Scholarship Committee

 [emily.kaster@nextwavepreparedness.com](mailto:emily.kaster@nextwavepreparedness.com)

**Subject line:** 2026 MALEM Scholarship Application

### Required Application Materials

- Completed MALEM Scholarship Application Form
- Verification of enrollment from the college or university Registrar's Office
- Current transcript (official or unofficial accepted)
- Resume
- One professional letter of recommendation (e.g., professor, internship supervisor)
- Essay submission (based on the prompt included in the application form)

### Evaluation Criteria

- Essay quality and content
- Strength of the letter of recommendation
- Demonstrated interest in emergency management in Maine
- Community impact through volunteering, work, and/or extracurricular activities
- Overall quality and completeness of the application

We encourage eligible students to apply and look forward to reviewing your submissions.  
**Best of luck to all applicants!**