

**February 16, 2026**

**Hello WasteHub Members,**

Municipal WasteHub and Municipal Waste Solutions are proud to announce the Municipal WasteHub Scholarship Program for the 2026–2027 academic year, an investment in the next generation of leaders from our member communities.

We will award up to \$10,000 in scholarships to eligible high school seniors and first-year post-secondary students who reside in a WasteHub Member Community and plan to attend a Maine-based community college, trade school, or university.

**Scholarship Highlights**

- Award Amount: Up to \$10,000 total
- Who Can Apply:
  - High school seniors
  - First-year post-secondary students
- Eligibility:
  - Resident of a WasteHub Member Community
  - Attending a Maine-based post-secondary institution
  - Essay Focus: Community connection, educational goals, and future impact
  - Optional Creative Submission: Short videos or photos are encouraged

**Important Dates**

- **Application Deadline: April 13, 2026**
- **Award Ceremony: April 22, 2026**

Applicants will submit an essay, one letter of reference from a community official (such as a teacher/professor, superintendent, select board member, or town manager), and an academic transcript. Creative presentations are optional but welcomed as a way for students to share their story and connection to their community .



## Help Us Spread the Word

We encourage WasteHub members to share this opportunity widely within your communities — including schools, guidance counselors, town offices, community organizations, and local media. This scholarship reflects our shared commitment to strengthening Maine's workforce and supporting young people who want to give back.

👉 Apply online: Visit the Municipal WasteHub website for the full application and submission details. <https://www.mrcmaine.org/wastehub-scholarship-program/>

📧 Mail-in option available for completed applications and supporting materials

## Questions? Please contact:

Michael Carroll

Executive Director, Municipal WasteHub

✉ [mcarroll@muniwastehub.org](mailto:mcarroll@muniwastehub.org)

📞 207-664-1700

Thank you for helping us invest in future leaders and the long-term strength of our communities.

Warm regards,

Municipal WasteHub and Municipal Waste Solutions



## **Municipal WasteHub & Municipal Waste Solutions**

### **Scholarship Program Application**

**2026-2027 Academic Year**

*Investing in Maine's Future Leaders*

#### **Program Overview**

Municipal WasteHub (WasteHub) and Municipal Waste Solutions (MWS) are proud to offer up to **\$10,000.00 in scholarships** to support high school seniors and first-year post-secondary students from WasteHub Member Communities who are pursuing their education.

Our commitment extends beyond waste management – we believe in cultivating young leaders who will strengthen future workforce and development.

#### **IMPORTANT DATES**

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## Applicant Information

Full Legal Name

Email Address

Phone Number

Mailing Address

Street Address:

City, State, ZIP:

## Current Education Status

Please check one:

- High School Senior  
 First-Year Post-Secondary Student

Current School Name

Expected Graduation  
Date

## WasteHub Member Community Connection

Member Community

Name of WasteHub Member Community where you reside:

## Planned Post-Secondary Education

Institution Name (if  
known)

Institution Type

Community College    Trade School    University

Intended Major/Program

Expected Start Date

## Essay Submission

### Required Essay (Maximum 750 words)

*Essay Prompt: Describe how receiving this scholarship would support your educational goals and explain the impact you hope to make through your continued or future education.*

Consider addressing these themes in your essay:

- Personal Connection to Community: How has your experience in your WasteHub Member Community shaped your goals?
- Contribution and Vision: What specific contributions do you hope to make?
- Professional Motivation and Impact: How will your education enable you to strengthen workforce and communities?

*Attach your essay as a separate document or type/paste it below.*

## Letter of Reference

One letter of reference is required from a WasteHub Member Community official, such as a teacher, dean, professor, superintendent, select board member, or town/city manager. **The reference provider must NOT be related to the applicant.**

### Reference Provider Information

|                                  |  |
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| <b>Full Name</b>                 |  |
| <b>Title/Position</b>            |  |
| <b>Organization/Institution</b>  |  |
| <b>Email Address</b>             |  |
| <b>Phone Number</b>              |  |
| <b>Relationship to Applicant</b> |  |

**Note:** The letter of reference should be on letterhead, dated and signed by the provider. Letters can be included with your online submission or attached to your application hardcopy if submitting that way.

**Creative Presentation (Optional)**

Municipal WasteHub and MWS welcome creative presentations such as short videos or photos to accompany your essay. While optional, this is an encouraged way to showcase your personality and connection to your community. Creative presentation submissions can be sent to [mcarroll@muniwastehub.org](mailto:mcarroll@muniwastehub.org) (please include full name and reference scholarship) or placed on a thumb drive and sent in along with your application submission.

I am including a creative presentation with my application

Description of creative presentation:

**Additional Information (Optional)**

While not required, you may provide information that makes this scholarship particularly important to your educational plans:

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## **Community Involvement**

Please list any community service, extracurricular activities, volunteer work, or leadership positions (include organization name, your role, and dates of involvement):

## **Academic Honors & Awards**

Please list any academic honors, awards, or recognitions you have received:

## **Applicant Certification**

I certify that all information provided in this application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand that:

- I must be a resident of a WasteHub Member Community
- I must plan to attend a community college, trade school, or university located in Maine
- If selected as a recipient, I must provide documentation of acceptance and/or registration for the upcoming academic year

- Scholarship funds will be deposited directly into my account at my designated educational institution
- Providing false information may result in disqualification or revocation of the scholarship

| Applicant Signature | Date |
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**Parent/Guardian Signature (if applicant is under 18)**

| Parent/Guardian Signature | Date |
|---------------------------|------|
|---------------------------|------|

| Printed Name | Relationship to Applicant |
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**Submission Instructions**

**Application Deadline: April 13, 2026**

**Required Documents Checklist**

Please ensure you include all of the following:

- Completed application form
- Essay (maximum 750 words)
- Letter of reference from a WasteHub Member Community official
- Creative presentation (optional)
- Copy of high school transcript or current college transcript (unofficial acceptable)

**How to Submit**

**Online Application:** Visit the Municipal WasteHub website to complete and submit your application online. <https://www.mrcmaine.org/wastehub-scholarship-program/>

**Mail Application:** Send completed applications and supporting documents to:

**Municipal WasteHub**  
 Attn: Scholarship Program  
 20 Godfrey Drive  
 Orono, ME 04473

## Questions?

For questions about the scholarship program or application process, please contact:

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*Municipal WasteHub is committed to supporting Maine's future leaders.  
We look forward to learning about your vision for strengthening our communities.  
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