

You are eligible for a Portland ESL Scholarship Fund scholarship if you have all the following criteria:

- are an adult immigrant
- have financial need
- are legally able to work
- have at least a high school diploma or HiSET (GED)
- have English language proficiency levels that ensure you will succeed in the course
- do not qualify for public or private financial aid
- if employed, work for an employer that does not offer any stipend for educational studies
- live in greater Portland, Maine
- are seeking the additional English language or professional skills necessary to achieve post-secondary educational or career goals.

❖ Please note that our scholarships vary depending on the cost of a course. It is possible that this scholarship will not cover the entire cost of your course.

To complete your application:

- Fill out the printed Application (available at www.peslsf.org). Incomplete Applications will not be considered.
- Mail to PESLSF, PO Box 281, Portland ME 04112
- Application must be received 2 weeks before your class begins

Your application must have all of the following:

- Completed Application Form
- Financial Information Form
- Your most recent Federal Income Tax Form if you filed one (page 1 of Form 1040EZ or pages 1 and 2 of Form 1040)
- Typed essay #1
- Typed essay #2 (personal)
- Writing sample (for USM students)
 - Resume (optional)

APPLICATION FORM

PLEASE PRINT NEATLY AND CLEARLY

DATE: _____

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

City and zip code: _____

TELEPHONE: _____

EMAIL (print clearly and neatly): _____

DATE OF BIRTH: _____ COUNTRY OF ORIGIN: _____

▪ **What is your immigration status?**

US Citizen Refugee Applied for asylum and have work authorization Granted asylum

Other (explain): _____

▪ **Have you received a scholarship from Portland ESL Scholarship Fund before?**

NO YES: ___ 1 Scholarship ___ 2 Scholarships

▪ **Do you have a high school diploma or HiSET (GED)?** YES NO*

*If no, you are not eligible for our scholarship.

▪ **If you have taken any tests to determine your English level, complete this information*:**

Name of Test: _____ Score: _____

Date taken: _____ Place taken _____

If you are scheduled to be tested, please send your results as soon as possible. Test date _____

▪ **Are you eligible or have you applied for any other scholarships or grants?**

NO YES: (explain) _____

▪ **COURSE INFORMATION**

Name: _____

Date of course: _____ Course fee: _____

Location of course: USM SMCC* PAE Other: _____

*SMCC Interpreter courses must have ACTFL Score _____ Date taken: _____

See next page for other required information.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

All applicants must complete this form. Please type or print clearly.

**Include your most recent Federal Income Tax Return if you filed one - page 1 of Form 1040EZ or
pages 1 and 2 of Form 1040.**

Household size: Adults: _____ Children: _____

List income from all wage earners in your family:

Last 12 months:

Wage Earner:	Employer:	Amount received:
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Other sources of income in last 12 months:

ASPIRE, TANF _____

SNAP, Food Stamps _____

Cash support or any money paid on your behalf _____

General Assistance _____

Social Security Benefits (SSI) _____

Other (describe) _____

TOTAL INCOME AND BENEFITS _____

If this will be your first scholarship, please write and attach two short (250-500 word) typed essays:

Essay #1 - Tell us about yourself (where you are from, how long you have been in the U.S., your educational background, what you did in your native country, and anything else you would like us to know about you).

Essay #2 - Explain what your goals are and how this scholarship will help you reach them.

If you have received a scholarship from Portland ESL Scholarship Fund in the past, please write a short (200-250 word) essay telling us how it helped and what your goals are now.

You may include a resume with your application.