James J. Karam Scholarship

University of Massachusetts Foundation Scholarship Application Form

The University of Massachusetts (UMass) is offering the **James J. Karam Scholarship** to provide five (5) $5,000 scholarships a year for deserving students who meet eligibility requirements.

The **James J. Karam Scholarship** was established in 2013 by James J. Karam. Mr. Karam is President and founder of First Bristol Corporation, a N.E. Real Estate Development Company. Mr. Karam's current and past professional and civic affiliations are extensive. He is on the Board of Directors of the largest community for profit health care system in New England, Steward Health Care System, and was formerly the Chair of the UMass Board of Trustees. Mr. Karam also serves on the Board of the Edward M. Kennedy Institute for the U.S. Senate in Boston, MA and is an alumnus of UMass Dartmouth.

Students selected for the **James J. Karam Scholarship** must meet the following minimum qualifications:

- Be currently enrolled full-time at one of the UMass campuses; or high school seniors applying to any UMass campus.
- Students at UMass Amherst, UMass Boston, UMass Dartmouth and UMass Lowell shall have an overall GPA of 3.0 or above with a minimum of 12 credits earned at the University.
- Students at UMass Medical School shall be in good standing.
- Incoming freshmen shall have a GPA of 3.25 from high school. The Scholarship is contingent upon matriculation at UMass.
- Demonstrate financial need of at least $4,000 as defined by their campus financial aid office.
- Be a permanent resident of the South Coast of Massachusetts which includes the following towns: Acushnet, Dartmouth, Fairhaven, Fall River, Freetown, New Bedford, Somerset, Swansea, and Westport. Students may also be a resident of the town of Tiverton, Rhode Island.
- All majors are eligible, as well as students who have yet to declare a major.
- Submit the following:
  1. Completed and signed Scholarship Application Form
  2. Transcript (unofficial is acceptable)
  3. Letter of Recommendation (optional)
  4. 500-750 word essay. The essay should address the following: Discuss an accomplishment or event, formal or informal, which marked your transition from childhood to adulthood within your culture, community, or family.

The Scholarship is renewable up to a total of four years. Students are required to apply for renewal each academic year.

First Name (please print) Middle Initial Last Name Male/Female

Home Address City State Zip Phone

Preferred Email Cell Phone

Name of High School High School Graduation Date High School Cum. G.P.A.

Anticipated Major Anticipated College Graduation Date (Month, Year)

To which UMass campus have you committed? (choose one): Amherst ☐ Boston ☐ Dartmouth ☐ Lowell ☐

Your signature below indicates your permission to have the completed scholarship application form, personal statement, transcript, as well as your UMass application and financial aid award information reviewed by the UMass Scholarship Committee. You also give permission to release relevant information to the donors, should you be selected as a recipient.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Application Deadline Date: March 27. Completed applications must be sent to the UMass Foundation Scholarship Committee, One Beacon Street, 31st Fl Boston, MA 02108 or via email to scholarships@umassp.edu.