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UNIVERSITY OF MAINE SYSTEM

ANNUAL REPORT ON

RECEIPT & USE OF SLOT MACHINE INCOME FOR  
SCHOLARSHIPS

August 1, 2010



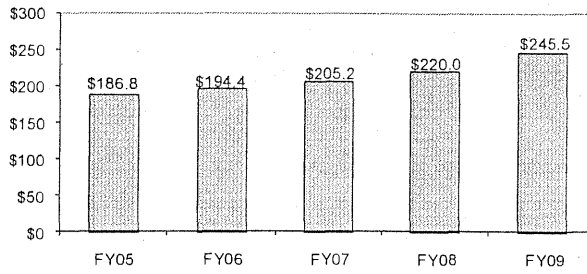
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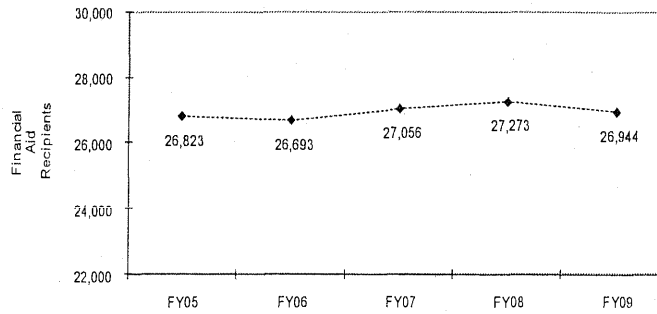
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## Total Financial Aid from all Sources

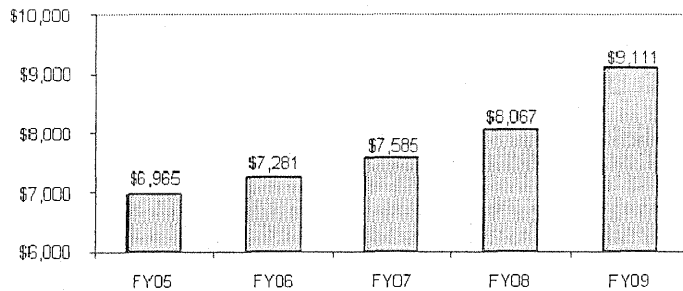
The total financial aid awarded to students at the University of Maine System has increased from \$186.8 million in FY05 to \$245.5 million in FY09.



During this same time period, the total number of students receiving aid has varied from a low of 26,693 to a high of 27,273.



The average award has increased from \$6,965 in FY05 to \$9,111 in FY09.



Students receive various types of financial aid (scholarships, grants, waivers, work-study, and loans) from various funding sources (federal, state, university, and private). Federal and State aid is awarded primarily on the basis of financial need. University and private aid may be awarded based on financial need, merit, talent, or other criteria set forth by the University or the donor. During FY09, approximately 14,500 Maine residents enrolled in undergraduate programs received some form of need-based federal financial aid. These students may have Received Federal Pell Grants (up to a maximum of \$4,731), Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants (SEOG), Federal Work Study, and/or Federal Loans.

**UNIVERSITY OF MAINE SYSTEM  
RACINO SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS**

**Total Awards**

	<u>FY07*</u>	<u>FY08</u>	<u>FY09</u>	<u>FY10</u>
UM	\$537,448	\$188,400	\$212,180	\$225,000
UMA		2,025	73,823	367,562
UMF		63,000	72,100	72,800
UMFK		20,616	1,250	39,000
UMM		19,500	29,500	24,500
UMPI		42,600	45,500	39,183
USM		130,800	147,765	155,554
TOTAL	<u>\$537,448</u>	<u>\$466,941</u>	<u>\$582,118</u>	<u>\$923,599</u>

**Recipients**

	<u>FY07*</u>	<u>FY08</u>	<u>FY09</u>	<u>FY10</u>
UM	18	47	175	300
UMA		3	237	1,025
UMF		21	21	15
UMFK		60	3	65
UMM		17	28	22
UMPI		73	106	69
USM		75	94	96
TOTAL	<u>18</u>	<u>296</u>	<u>664</u>	<u>1,592</u>

**Average Award**

	<u>FY07*</u>	<u>FY08</u>	<u>FY09</u>	<u>FY10</u>
UM	\$29,858	\$4,009	\$1,212	\$750
UMA		\$675	\$311	\$359
UMF		\$3,000	\$3,433	\$4,853
UMFK		\$344	\$417	\$600
UMM		\$1,147	\$1,054	\$1,114
UMPI		\$584	\$429	\$568
USM		\$1,744	\$1,572	\$1,620
AVERAGE	\$29,858	\$1,578	\$877	\$580

\*Graduate stipends awarded by the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences pursuant to Public Law, Chapter 457, Part K.

## Racino Scholarship Program

Title 8, Chapter 31, Subchapter 3, Subsection 1036 of the Maine Revised Statutes stipulates that the University of Maine System Scholarship Fund is to receive 2% of net slot machine income. As defined in Title 20-A, Part 5, Chapter 411, Subsection 10909 of the Maine Revised Statutes, "The University of Maine System Scholarship Fund is created and established as a non-lapsing fund under the jurisdiction and control of the Board of Trustees of the University of Maine System. All revenues credited to this fund must be distributed as need-based scholarships for students attending the University of Maine System. These scholarships may be awarded only to those students who are residents of the State. The fund may not be used for the costs of administering the scholarships..."

Public Law, Chapter 457, Part K, allowed for the use of up to the first \$1.0 million of distribution from FY2007 slot machine revenues to support graduate student stipends for biomedical scholarships.

The University of Maine System has received approximately \$3.9 million in slot machine income between FY2006 and FY2010. The University of Maine System began receiving slot machine income in November 2005, and the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences utilized the first \$0.5 million for graduate student stipends. The first undergraduate scholarships were awarded in the spring of 2007 for the 2007-2008 academic year.

During fiscal years 2008 and 2009, \$1.1 million was awarded in scholarships to 960 Maine undergraduate students who exhibited financial need. Approximately \$0.9 million was awarded during FY2010 to 1,592 Maine students exhibiting financial need, and the remaining \$1.4 million received to date will be awarded during FY2011 (\$0.8 million) and FY2012 (\$0.6 million).

Given the financial difficulties realized by many Maine families, the State, and the University, the utilization of 2% of the net slot machine income for need-based scholarships to Maine students is an important funding source to mitigate the cost of obtaining a post-secondary education.