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UNIVERSITY OF MAINE SYSTEM

ANNUAL REPORT ON

RECEIPT & USE OF SLOT MACHINE INCOME FOR
SCHOLARSHIPS

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*Maine's
Public
Universities*

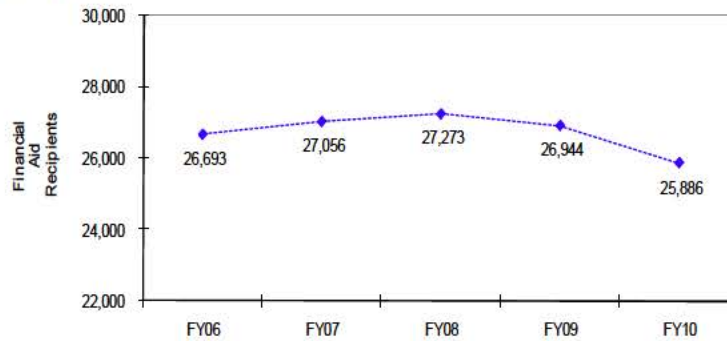
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Total Financial Aid from all Sources

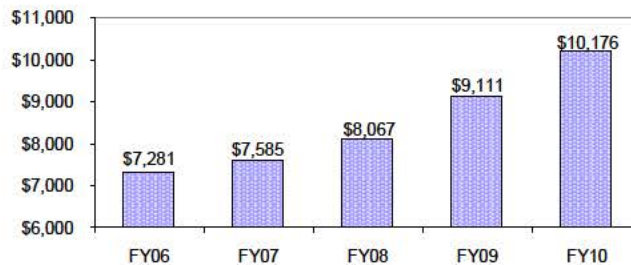
The total financial aid awarded to students at the University of Maine System has increased from \$194.4 million in FY06 to \$263.4 million in FY10.



During this same time period, the total number of students receiving aid has varied from a low of 25,886 to a high of 27,273.



The average award has increased from \$7,281 in FY06 to \$10,176 in FY10.



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 FY10, approximately 15,500 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 \$5,350), Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants (SEOG), Federal Work Study, and/or Federal Loans.

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 \$4.9 million in slot machine income between FY2006 and FY2011. 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 \$0.8 million was awarded during FY2011 to 838 students. The remaining \$1.6 million received to date will be awarded during FY2012 (\$1.1 million) and FY2013 (\$0.5 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.

**UNIVERSITY OF MAINE SYSTEM
RACINO SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS**

Total Awards

	FY07*	FY08	FY09	FY10	FY11
UM	\$537,448	\$188,400	\$212,180	\$225,000	\$249,520
UMA		2,025	73,823	367,562	180,502
UMF		63,000	72,100	72,800	86,600
UMFK		20,616	1,250	39,000	50,256
UMM		19,500	29,500	24,500	25,854
UMPI		42,600	45,500	39,183	42,975
USM		130,800	147,765	155,554	212,021
TOTAL	\$537,448	\$466,941	\$582,118	\$923,599	\$847,728

Recipients

	FY07*	FY08	FY09	FY10	FY11
UM	18	47	175	300	107
UMA		3	237	1,025	510
UMF		21	21	15	18
UMFK		60	3	65	51
UMM		17	28	22	6
UMPI		73	106	69	57
USM		75	94	96	89
TOTAL	18	296	664	1,592	838

Average Award

	FY07*	FY08	FY09	FY10	FY11
UM	\$29,858	\$4,009	\$1,212	\$750	\$2,332
UMA		\$675	\$311	\$359	\$354
UMF		\$3,000	\$3,433	\$4,853	\$4,811
UMFK		\$344	\$417	\$600	\$985
UMM		\$1,147	\$1,054	\$1,114	\$4,309
UMPI		\$584	\$429	\$568	\$754
USM		\$1,744	\$1,572	\$1,620	\$2,382
AVERAGE	\$29,858	\$1,578	\$877	\$580	\$1,012

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