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# **MAINE COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM**

## **ANNUAL REPORT ON USE OF GAMING INCOME FOR SCHOLARSHIPS FY14**

**Submitted to**

**Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs  
Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs**

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# Maine Community College System

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The Honorable John L. Tuttle, Chair  
The Honorable Louis Luchini, Chair  
Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs  
126<sup>th</sup> Maine Legislature  
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Senator Tuttle, Representative Luchini and members of the Joint Standing Committee on Veterans and Legal Affairs:

In accordance with Title 8, Chapter 32, Subchapter 3, Section 1036 of the Maine Revised Statutes, enclosed you will find the Maine Community College System's September 2014 report on the use of Gaming funds for FY14. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions. Thank you.

Sincerely,



John Fitzsimmons  
President

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Enclosure

Cc: Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs

## **MAINE COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM**

Students enrolled in the Maine Community College System (MCCS) are recipients of financial aid from various sources of funding including federal and state grant programs, system-wide and college based scholarship opportunities as well as scholarship opportunities made available through private sector scholarships. With the average cost for tuition and fees for a full-time student at roughly \$3,400 a year (fall 2014), MCCS continues to enjoy the lowest tuition and fees of any post-secondary institution in New England. Even still, of the full-time students enrolled in fall 2013 (FY14), 82% received some level of financial assistance in order to attend.

For students enrolling in a Maine community college, the need for scholarship assistance continues to rise. A report commissioned by the MCCS Board of Trustees two years ago regarding the ability of our students to pay for their education validated this need. In light of those findings, MCCS continually seeks ways to increase the availability of scholarship funds to ensure that students wishing to attend one of our community colleges will have the financial means to do so. The funds that the MCCS has received from Gaming revenues since FY2006 continue to be an increasingly important component of the resources available to our students.

### **Gaming Funded Scholarships**

As stipulated in the Maine law, the MCCS receives one percent of the Hollywood Casino, and three percent of the Oxford Casino, net slot machine income to be applied by its Board of Trustees to fund its scholarship programs. Since FY06, the MCCS has received a total of \$7,337,522 from slot machine income, \$2,615,711 in FY14.

A detailed report on the receipt, allocation and expenditure of funds is attached. Generally, the allocations and expenditures reach across all seven of the community colleges. All of the Gaming income received has been used for scholarships. None of the funds have been used for administration.

Of the \$3,340,924 listed as “unexpended” – \$2,625,401 has been allocated for expenditure in FY15, earmarked to continue to provide scholarship awards to students enrolled in programs such as Early College for ME, OnCourse for ME, Rural Initiative Bring College to ME, and for Child Care Assistance Scholarships. In addition, scholarship programs have been established across all seven colleges aimed at addressing student success as well as other college and system based efforts to increase enrollment and opportunities for students.

It should also be noted that the MCCS has made a conscious decision early on to not allocate more funds than we are projected to receive annually. Projected scholarship revenues are based on anticipated revenues at each of the Casinos and there is no guarantee that those revenues will actually be realized.

Since FY06, a total of 4,052 students have benefitted from the Gaming income allocated to the MCCS.

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## September 2014 Report on FY14 Receipt and Expenditure of Gaming Funds

<b>GAMING RECEIPTS</b>	
FY13 Carry-forward	1,476,301
FY14 Receipts	2,615,171
<b>Total Funds Available</b>	<b>\$4,091,472</b>
<b>SCHOLARSHIP ALLOCATIONS</b>	
Early College for ME	271,200
Rural Initiative Child Care Assistance	150,000
Good Will-Hinckley Scholarships ( <i>Maine Academy of Natural Sciences</i> )	25,000
OnCourse for ME	75,000
Welch Foundation Scholarship Match	25,000
Future for ME	36,000
SMCC 2013 Summer Success Scholarship	26,800
WCCC 2013 Summer Scholarship	60,000
KVCC 2014 Summer/Fall Scholarship	100,000
SMCC 2014 Summer Scholarship	125,000
Miscellaneous Scholarships	38,050
<b>Total Allocations</b>	<b>\$932,050</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	
Early College For ME	271,200
Rural Initiative Child Care Assistance	149,758
Good Will-Hinckley Scholarships ( <i>Maine Academy of Natural Sciences</i> )	3,256
OnCourse for ME	33,618
Welch Foundation Scholarship Match	10,000
Future for ME	0
SMCC 2013 Summer Success Scholarship	0
WCCC 2013 Summer Scholarship	0
KVCC 2014 Summer/Fall Scholarship	31,433
SMCC 2014 Summer Scholarship	125,000
Miscellaneous Scholarships	17,949
<b>Unallocated Expenditures</b>	
STEM Scholarship – Midcoast Campus	18,773
Maine is IT Scholarship	23,008
Summer Success Academy Scholarship	58,752
Nursing Scholarship – Midcoast Campus	7,801
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$750,548</b>

<b>SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED</b>	
Early College For ME	309
Rural Initiative Child Care Assistance	85
Good Will-Hinckley Scholarships ( <i>Maine Academy of Natural Sciences</i> )	3
OnCourse for ME	214
Welch Foundation Scholarship Match	8
Future for ME	0
SMCC 2013 Summer Success Scholarship	0
WCCC 2013 Summer Scholarship	0
KVCC 2014 Summer/Fall Scholarship	63
SMCC 2014 Summer Scholarship	269
Miscellaneous Scholarships	26
STEM Scholarship – Midcoast Campus	12
Maine is IT Scholarship	43
Summer Success Academy Scholarship	27
Nursing Scholarship – Midcoast Campus	10
<i>Total Scholarships Awarded</i>	<i>1,069</i>
<i>Amount of Average Scholarship Award</i>	<i>\$702</i>
<b>UNEXPENDED BALANCE</b> ( <i>to be carried into FY15</i> )	<b>\$3,340,924</b>
<b>FY15 Commitments to Date</b>	<b>2,625,401</b>
<b>FY15 Unallocated Revenues as of 9/1/14</b>	<b>[715,523]</b>
<b>FY15 Projected Revenues</b>	<b>[2,557,304]</b>