



Your vote could get \$1000 for the MSGA Scholarship Fund

In early March, Bangor Savings Bank Foundation will again give a total of \$100,000 to 68 local non-profit organizations and your vote counts. Help the MSGA grow the Scholarship Fund by going to the Bangor Savings website and voting for us.

It's easy! Follow this link to the Bangor Savings website ~ [Bangor Savings Bank - Support for Your Community](#) ~ and scroll down to "Greater Portland/Lewiston/Auburn", select "other" and write in MSGA Scholarship Fund. The deadline for voting is March 2nd, so do it quickly, right now.

To read more about the MSGA Scholarship Fund please see below.

A Maine Golf Legacy

It's only a game, right? Particularly at the amateur level, that's an accurate comment about the ancient game of golf. But for many of us it's an important part of our recreational life. It is a significant element of the balance one attempts to create along life's journey.

In Maine, leisure golfers have done more than simply play a game. They have created a legacy for the next generation to follow their footsteps along friendly fairways, or through the rough.

The MSGA Scholarship Fund was started in 1950, originally as a caddie scholarship. It was expanded in the 1970s and at this time an endowment fund was started. The goal of the endowment fund is to ensure the future of the Scholarship Fund by having it be self-supporting. The endowment fund has now surpassed the original goal of \$500,000. Now we'd like to push that goal to \$1,000,000.

Each year, the MSGA holds three primary events to raise money for the Scholarship Fund. The single largest fundraiser being the Charlie's Maine Open ProAm, held every year in June. In addition to the Pro Am, we also host two Scholarship Classic golf tournaments at prominent courses. Also a portion of all revenue raised by the MSGA each year goes to help support the fund. As part of the MSGA's operating budget every year, more than \$76,000 is spent on the scholarship fund, and the MSGA assumes all costs for maintaining the fund. All other donations go directly to the endowment fund. The MSGA relies on the generosity of its donors and sponsors to help ensure the future of the fund, and we're very excited that we are nearing the self-sustaining stages.

Currently more than 40 young men and women from Maine receive \$1,100 yearly to help with the costs of their undergraduate education from the MSGA Scholarship Fund. The award is renewable for up to four years, for a total scholarship of \$4,400 per student at today's giving levels.