

## Updated Prompts/Questions for the Future of Maine Aspirations Scholarships, 2023-24

In **exactly** 29 words, who is your favorite person that you haven't met, and why is he or she your favorite person?

or

In **exactly** 33 words, what is your favorite word and why?

AND

Grade 3: Your Aspirations. What do you enjoy doing today that might make a career and lifestyle that would make you especially proud? Why would it make you proud? And, **interview a past Future of Maine Scholarship recipient or other high school or college student about their pathway to and through high school.** Write what you learned from this interview. Possible questions: What is high school like? How is it different from grades 3 - 6? Is it harder or easier? What is especially fun? What is especially challenging? What do you need to do to be successful? Feel free to ask any questions you want.

Grade 4: Your College Options. Write about your aspirations for your future and also identify one or several colleges that you think might be especially good for you. Given your interests and experience, why do you think this college or colleges would be especially good for you? And, **interview a past Future of Maine Scholarship recipient or other high school or college student about their pathway through high school and to college or other educational opportunity after high school.** Share the most important points of the interview and what you learned. Possible questions: What is high school like? How is it different from grades 3 - 6? Is it harder or easier? What is especially fun? What is especially challenging? What do you need to do to be successful? What are you planning to do after high school? What do you need to do in high school to prepare for your plans after high school?

Grade 5: The College Course. Write about your aspirations, about colleges that you think might serve you especially well, and also identify five college or high school courses that will help you pursue your goals for your future. How will the courses help you? And, **interview a college student about their pathway through college and to a career** and lifestyle that will make them proud. Possible questions: What is college like? How is it different from grades 3 - 6 and from high school? Is it harder or easier? What is especially fun? What is especially challenging? What do you need to do to be successful? What are you planning to do after college? How did you figure out what career interested you? What do you need to do in college to prepare for your career?

Grade 6: Your Opportunities Beyond. Write about your aspirations, about colleges that you think might serve you especially well, and also **interview (or analyze an existing interview of) a person in a field related to a career that interests you.** Please share some of that interview, what you learned from the interview, and what you might like and dislike about that career. (Maine College Circle will provide a link to existing interviews if you are not able to set up your own.) Possible questions: What is your work? Is it a good job? What do you do all day? What do you like about your work? What is especially challenging? How did you figure out what career interested you? What qualities does a person need to like your career? What qualities and what education does a person need to be especially successful in your career?