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Scholar Program honors Martin Luther King

Contributions for the Martin Luther King Scholar Program, which will help finance the education of needy Negro students at the University of Maine, are being accepted, Dr. Gerald Work, faculty chairman for the fund, said Thursday.

Funds for room, board and tuition will be borne by the university and a grant from the Office of Economic Opportunity, Work said, and the additional funds are being sought to provide tutorial assistance, books, and other personal expenses.

The university's director of admissions, James A. Harmon, and Asst. Prof. Maurice O. White of the College of Education will be in Washington, D. C., Friday (July 19) to interview prospective students for fall admission. The interviews will be conducted at Federal City College, a newly-established college which received 5,000 applications for 3,000 places in its freshman class, chosen by lottery. Fifty-five of those who were not admitted have expressed interest in the U. of M. program, Work said.

Officials at the Job Corps Center in Poland Spring have also expressed interest in the program, Work said, and several students may be accepted from the Center. The committee has definite commitments to enable them to accept seven students in the fall, and more may be accepted if sufficient additional contributions are received.

Contributions may be sent to the Treasurer's Office, Alumni Hall, U. of M. Orono campus, Work said, pointing out that these contributions are tax deductible.

Establishment of the fund was announced in early June by Dr. James M. Clark, now vice president for academic affairs, who headed a committee composed of student, faculty and administration representatives to study possible memorials for the slain Negro leader. The scholarship fund was recommended as a first step toward a larger program which may eventually include other disadvantaged and minority groups. Remedial work, tutorial assistance and special counseling to help with adjustment problems are part of the contemplated program.