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## Two NMCC students receive MCCS system scholarships

**Aroostook County** - Two Northern Maine Community College students in the automotive trades were recently awarded scholarships through the Maine Community College System. The two awards aid students with tuition expenses, the cost of room and board, and/or the purchase of books and other supplies to be successful in the automotive field.

Hal Cushman of Reed Plantation, who will enter his second year in the automotive technology program, was selected as NMCC's recipient of the AAA Northern New England Scholarship. The \$1,500 award can be used on materials Cushman needs to be successful in his educational journey on the Presque Isle campus. Students eligible for the award must be a Maine resident, show good moral character, need financial assistance, have the ability to demonstrate mechanically, and express a desire for a career in the automotive service industry.

Brandon Pelletier of Oakland, who earned his associate degree in automotive collision repair this past May, was awarded the Maine Antique Power Association Scholarship. The award is given annually to one student enrolled in the Maine Community College System. The colleges go through an alphabetical rotation to determine which college will nominate a student to receive this scholarship in a given year. Pelletier now has the opportunity to use his \$400 scholarship on the materials or tools that he needs to be successful in the automotive technology field.

To be eligible to receive this scholarship, the student must be qualified in all the areas of the MAPA scholarship program. The applicant must have a desire to work in the automotive/mechanical field and be enrolled as a second year student in one of Maine's community colleges. The student has to provide an official transcript to prove that they have received a 2.5 or higher grade point average during their first full semester in a program of study related to the automotive/mechanical technology field at the community college.

Both the AAA and MAPA scholarship funds are designed to provide communities with a professional source of well-trained automotive technicians and to provide a valuable community service by supporting qualified applicants in continuing their education.

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*The AAA Northern New England Scholarship for 2011 was recently presented by NMCC President Timothy Crowley (left) to Hal Cushman of Reed Plantation. Dan Boyd (right), NMCC automotive technology instructor, congratulates Cushman, one of his students, for receiving the scholarship.*



*NMCC President Timothy Crowley awards Brandon Pelletier of Oakland, a student enrolled in the automotive collision repair program, with the Maine Antique Power Association Scholarship for 2011.*