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College Access Resources for
Adult Students



Agenda

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- FAME Web Resources
- College Tool Kit for Adult Students
- Maine College Access Challenge Grant
- Financial Literacy
- Other Resources



FAME Web Site

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- Nontraditional Adult Learner Web page
- Military Students
- Graduate Students
- Medical Students

The screenshot shows the FAME website interface. At the top, there is a search bar with radio buttons for 'FAME', 'Business', 'Education', and 'NextGen'. Below the search bar are navigation tabs: 'For Students & Families', 'For Borrowers', 'For Aid Administrators', and 'For Counselors & Advisors'. The main content area is titled 'Education' and includes a sidebar with links to 'Planning for College', 'Financial Aid Basics', 'Paying for College', 'Maine Financial Aid', 'Loan Programs', 'Scholarship Search', 'College Search', and 'Career Search'. The main article is 'Planning for College', which includes a list of links for different grade levels: 'K - 5 (Parents)', '6th Grade (Parents)', '7th Grade (Parents)', '8th Grade (Parents)', '9th Grade (Students)', '10th Grade (Students)', '11th Grade (Students)', '12th Grade (Students)', 'Nontraditional Students', 'Military Students & Families', 'Graduate Students', and 'Medical Students'. There is also a 'Reference' section with links to 'Calculators and Tools', 'FAME Financial Education Resources', 'FAME Quick Tips', 'Forms and Applications', 'Get a Life', 'Glossary', 'Publications for Download', 'Tax Benefits', 'Translated Resources', and 'Important Links'. On the right side, there is a 'Share This' section with social media icons and a 'News of Interest' section with a 'SUBSCRIBE' button and a news item titled 'Education Update Online' dated Thursday, August 25, 2011 10:49 AM. Below that is another news item titled 'FAME Awarded College Access Challenge Grant by U.S. Department of Education' dated Tuesday, August 23, 2011 2:37 PM.

College Tool Kit for Adult Students

College Access Resources for Adult Students

- A Plan to Succeed: College Tool Kit for Adult Students
 - Why should I go back?
 - Researching college/careers
 - Four Steps to Financial Aid
 - Types of Financial Aid
 - Applying for Scholarships
 - Budgeting
 - Paying the Bill & Reducing Expenses
 - Graduate Students
 - Additional Resources
 - Getting Ready for College Check List



A Plan to Succeed:
College Tool Kit for Adult Students

Challenge ME Grant

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- Early College Courses (tuition, fees, books) or AP Tests
- Guidelines
 - Income eligibility
 - Open to High School Students - Junior (11th grade) or Senior (12th grade)
 - Open to Adult GED/Diploma Students - GED (successfully completed two GED tests), Diploma (completed 75% credits required)
 - Eligible high schools and adult education centers





Challenge ME Grant

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- Processing
 - Request and complete participation agreement and online authorization form
 - Customer Service Team will send user name, log in, and user guide information for FAME Education Portal Information Center (EPIC)
 - Guidance Counselors or Adult Education Advisor will verify student eligibility and request funds through EPIC

- Nontraditional students drop out of college at a much higher rate (38.9%) than traditional students (18.2%)¹
 - Nontraditional students cite the top two barriers to pursuing higher education² as
 - Finding time.
 - Finding money, including the need to provide for themselves and family.
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- 1. Lumina Foundation Focus Fall 2009
 - 2. Degrees of Opportunity: Adults Views on the value and feasibility of returning to school. Lyungai Mbilinyi, MSW, MPH, PhD. August 2006 www.degreesofopportunity

- Money Management Tool Kit
 - Setting Goals
 - Budgeting
 - Reducing Expenses
 - Savings
 - Your Credit Score
 - Controlling Debt
- Customized Presentations
 - Money Matters: 8 Steps to Take Control
 - College Budgeting
 - Customized for your group



- “Get a Life”
 - Interactive Game
 - Career & College Choices
 - Budgeting - wants vs. needs

- “Get a Life” - Web-based version
 - www.famemaine.com



- **Maine's 529 College Investing Plan**
 - **Harold Alfond College Challenge Grant**
 - \$500 for every Maine resident baby under the age of one to open a NextGen account
 - Families are not required to contribute.
 - Age-based quarterly statements
 - **Initial Matching Grant Program**
 - Open an account with a \$50 contribution and receive a \$200 grant
 - **NextStep Grant**
 - \$0.33 match for two years up to \$400
 - **Automated Funding Grant**
 - Participants who opt for automated funding receive a \$50 grant





FAME Programs

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- State of Maine Grant Program
 - May 1 deadline
 - Need-based
- Educators for Maine Loan Program
 - Full Time enrollment
 - Initial Teaching Certification
 - Forgiveness provisions for return service in Maine
- FAME Health Professions Programs
 - Postgraduate medical/dental/veterinary



Upcoming Events

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- FA 101
 - Friday, October 7 at the Augusta Civic Center
 - Tentative Agenda to include: FAFSA Overview, Responsible Borrowing, Financial Aid for the Middle Income Family and more!
 - FREE and lunch is provided
 - Opening Remarks - Greg Darnieder, US DOE Senior Advisor to the Secretary of Education on the College Access Initiative

- College Goal Maine
 - Sunday date - January 29, 2012
 - Various dates and locations throughout Maine
 - collegegoalsundaymaine.com/index.php

- Maine College Transition Program
 - mct.maineadulted.org/
 - Offered through Maine Adult Education Programs
 - College Preparatory Support - Free or low cost assessment, career planning, academic coursework

- Maine Educational Opportunity Center
 - meoc.maine.edu/
 - Workshops and counseling for adult students on college application, financial aid, college readiness/assessment



Maine Resources

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- Women Work & Community
 - womenworkandcommunity.org
 - Family Development Accounts - Savings incentive program provides 4:1 match to be used for education, starting a business, first time homeownership
 - Educational workshops
- Accelerate ME
 - mccs.me.edu/accelerateme.html
 - Pilot Program to be offered at CMCC, YCCC, SMCC
 - Financial assistance, academic and personal counseling, and priority course scheduling
 - Complete two year degree program in 12 months
 - Eligibility - 30 credit completion, age, income, enrollment, FAFSA



Additional Resources

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- Financial Related Resources
 - Dial 2-1-1 State of Maine Hotline
 - Department of Human Resources
 - TANF/Aspire/Parents as Scholars/Food Stamps/WIC/Childcare Assistance
 - www.maine.gov/dhhs/
 - Maine Department of Labor
 - Unemployment Benefits, Bureau of Rehabilitation Svcs.
 - www.maine.gov/labor
 - Maine Career Centers
 - Training Programs and Opportunities - Information!
 - www.mainecareercenter.com
 - Maine State Housing Authority
 - Subsidized and Voucher Housing, Energy Assistance, Appliance Replacement, Weatherization, Home Repair
 - www.mainehousing.org



How Can FAME Help?

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- Give us your feedback:
 - What are your needs?
 - What are your biggest challenges in providing college planning, financial aid, and financial literacy to your students?
 - What type of support and resources do you need?
 - How can we assist you?



Questions?

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