

# What is THE LOAN FOR **ME**™?

The Loan For ME is a resource for students and families who need help paying for higher education. It is powered by the Finance Authority of Maine (FAME) which partners with local banks and credit unions right here in Maine.

Your trusted Maine resource for private student loans...**we're in it for a better Maine.**



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# PRIVATE STUDENT LOANS: GET THE FACTS, BEFORE YOU TAKE ON DEBT.

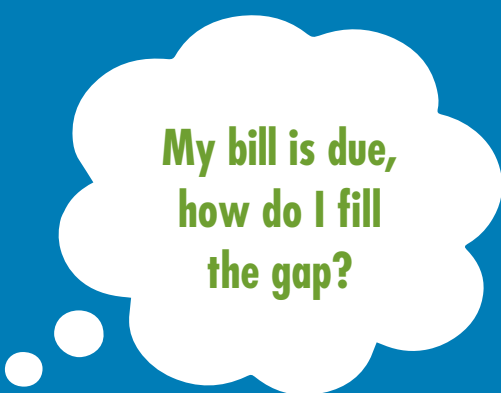


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*Maine's Student Loan Resource*

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**My bill is due,  
how do I fill  
the gap?**

If you are like many students, you may still have a gap between what you can pay and your financial aid package (including federal loan options). Many families borrow private student loans to cover the difference. Private student loans are usually offered through a bank, credit union, or state agency. Please keep in mind—**not all private student loans are the same.**

Visit **TheLoanForME.com** today and learn more:

- Understand your financial wellness so you are more prepared to manage the costs of higher education
- Find tips, videos, and interactive tools that will help you reduce cost so you can borrow less
- Determine if borrowing is even right for you
- Compare and link to local, Maine-based lenders

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# What should I know before taking on a private student loan?

**TheLoanForME.com** is your resource when it comes to all things regarding private student loans. We've set up three easy steps to help you through this process. Here, you can:

## 1 DETERMINE

- Look up things to consider and steps to take before you decide to borrow.
- Find helpful information about what to look for in a lender and student loan.

## 2 PREPARE

- Check out simple tools to help understand and compare Federal Direct student loans vs. Federal Direct (Parent/Grad) PLUS loans vs. private student loans.
- Run down a list of information you'll need to apply for loans.

## 3 APPLY

- Compare local Maine lenders.
- Follow a link to each lender's information and access private loan applications.