



Let FAME help you  
and your family  
**afford** higher education



The Finance Authority of Maine (FAME) is providing FREE webinars to anyone looking to learn more about preparing for and paying for higher education, including refinancing student loan debt! Check out the webinars below and check into some peace of mind when it comes to thinking about how to help your child, or yourself, prepare and pay for higher education.

## MARCH 5

### Planning, Tips & Resources to Make Higher Education More Affordable

Thinking about how to pay for a child's higher education can be stressful! FAME is here to help get you started, because the sooner you start planning, the less stressful it will be. Join us for concrete tips to help you get prepared financially as well as resources to make finding affordable schools easier. This information can help students and families have more choices, make more informed decisions, and reduce student loan borrowing.

## APRIL 2

### Raising Financially Savvy Kids

Children learn about money and making choices from the adults in their lives, which makes the family an important influencer of a child's financial knowledge and behavior. Now is a good time to talk with your child about money—whether your child is seven, or seventeen. Engaging your child in conversations about money will help prepare them for future decisions around career and college planning, including student loan borrowing and overall financial decision-making.

## MAY 7

### Balancing College Savings with Retirement Savings

Paying for college is just one concern for many families. Preparing for retirement can be even more important. Join us as we'll discuss these competing financial goals. We'll provide an overview of some college savings alternatives such as Section 529 plans, Coverdell accounts, taxable investment accounts, and IRAs and share national research on how families typically pay for college.

We'll also debunk the myth that savings negatively impacts financial aid eligibility.

## JUNE 4

### What You Need to Know to Manage Student Loan Repayments

Managing student loans and making a plan to repay them is one of the key steps toward achieving financial goals. Whether you have recently graduated from college or have been repaying your students loans for a long time, join us to learn how to best manage your student loan repayment. We'll discuss federal and private student loan repayment as well as Public Service Loan Forgiveness for federal student loans. We'll share the necessary resources for successful student loan repayment — including an overview of federal student loan consolidation and private education loan refinancing. And, we'll make sure you're aware of pandemic student loan-related relief initiatives as well as federal and state tax benefits.

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