

PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION

The Maine Dental Education Loan Program is a forgivable loan program for eligible Maine residents pursuing graduate dental education leading to a D.D.S. or D.M.D. degree. Funding is limited – not all who qualify will receive a loan.

In addition to completing FAME's application, a student must:

- Be a resident of Maine **for purposes other than education** for two years prior to matriculation at a dental school
- Be admitted to a program of dentistry for a first dental degree leading to a D.D.S. or D.M.D. at an accredited institution
- Show an interest in practicing primary dental care in an underserved population area in Maine and serving patients regardless of ability to pay through insurance or other payment source
- Demonstrate financial need
- Submit all required forms and documents by the required deadline
- Submit the 2021-2022 FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) by May 30, 2021
- Loans amounts for the 2021-2022 academic year are up to \$25,000, depending on financial need

This program is governed by Maine law as set forth in 20-A M.R.S.A. § 12301 et seq. and Chapter 612 of the Rules of the Finance Authority of Maine.

INSTRUCTIONS AND REQUIREMENTS

Submit completed application and required documents to FAME by **May 30, 2021** (postmark date).

Applicants must:

- Complete the Maine Dental Education Loan Program Application carefully
- Submit an essay explaining why you chose a dental career and describing why you are interested in practicing primary care dentistry in an underserved population area in Maine and serving patients regardless of ability to pay through insurance or other payment sources. Essay must be typed, double-spaced and approximately 500 words.
- Provide copies of your transcripts from all undergraduate and graduate schools you attended
- Provide Maine residency documentation/information (FAME reserves the right to ask for additional documentation if needed to determine your residency eligibility which may include parents' tax returns)
 - Signed copy of your 2020 state tax return (do not include schedules)
 - Copy of your current driver's license
 - Copy of your vehicle registration (indicate if you do not have one)
- File the FAFSA (FAME, as a Maine state agency, will automatically receive a copy of your FAFSA after you file)

A loan applicant may have to participate in an interview. An interview does not guarantee receipt of a loan.

You must submit all required documents for your application to be considered complete. Applications that are not complete by the deadline date are ineligible. FAME assumes no responsibility for identifying missing or erroneous information.

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

- Maine Dental Education Loan Program Application (pages 1 - 3)
- Essay
- Transcripts
- Copy of 2020 Maine state income tax return
- Copy of Maine driver's license
- Copy of Maine vehicle registration
- Submitted 2021-2022 FAFSA