

FAME's College Access and Financial Education (CAFE) Team provides outreach and support to Maine students and the education professionals who work with them in K-12 schools, colleges, post-secondary institutions and adult education programs. The CAFE team offers services and resources to help students and their families plan, prepare and pay for higher education, with a focus on college savings, financial aid and financial education.

SERVICES & RESOURCES INCLUDE:

- Presentations on saving for higher education and financial aid
- FAFSA help sessions
- Customized in-class presentations for all ages, including Claim Your Future®
- Videos to make navigating the process easier
- Free publications including "PAY: Tips to Afford Higher Education"
- FA101: A free training session for counselors and access professionals
- Wednesday Webinars: FAME's free monthly training series
- 5 on the 5th: Monthly emails with financial aid and financial education tips
- Downloadable resources to promote FAFSA completion
- FAME's FAFSA Completion Portal

"We've seen it over and over: FAME helps students both realize that college is possible and take the steps necessary to make higher education a reality."

BRITTANY RAY
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Dedicated to making higher education more accessible and affordable for Maine people.



FAMeMaine.com

FAME helps all Maine families reach their higher education goals by providing free information on planning and paying for higher education, career preparation, and financial education, including responsible borrowing.

Let us know what we can do to support you!

GRANT & LOAN PROGRAMS

FAME administers a variety of financial aid programs for Maine residents.

MAINE STATE GRANT PROGRAM is a need-based grant for undergraduate students attending an eligible school.

TUITION WAIVER PROGRAMS provide free tuition to certain foster children, adopted children/wards under subsidy from the Maine Department of Health & Human Services and children and spouses of firefighters, law enforcement officers or emergency services personnel killed in the line of duty.

DOCTORS FOR MAINE'S FUTURE SCHOLARSHIP provides scholarships for eligible medical students who enroll in a qualifying Maine-based medical school program.

EDUCATORS FOR MAINE PROGRAM is a competitive, merit-based, forgivable loan program for Maine students pursuing careers in education or child care and planning to work in Maine after graduation.

MAINE DENTAL EDUCATION LOAN PROGRAM is a competitive, forgivable loan program for Maine students pursuing a career as a dentist and planning to work in Maine after graduation.

MAINE DENTAL EDUCATION LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM provides loan repayment assistance to dentists practicing in underserved areas in Maine.

MAINE HEALTH PROFESSIONS LOAN is a need-based, competitive loan for Maine students pursuing postgraduate medical, dental and veterinary education.

MAINE MEDICAL EDUCATION FOUNDATION LOAN is a need-based, competitive loan for Maine residents enrolled in or accepted to approved medical schools.

MAINE VETERINARY MEDICINE LOAN PROGRAM is a need-based, competitive, forgivable loan for Maine students pursuing a career as a veterinarian.

ALFOND LEADERS PROGRAM provides student loan repayment assistance for Maine residents employed in STEM-designated occupations (science, technology, engineering and math) with Maine-based employers through a competitive application process.



NextGen 529™ is Maine's Section 529 plan, which many families use to save for higher education. NextGen 529 is for people of all ages: babies, kids, and even adults. If the account owner or the student (beneficiary) is a Maine resident, the NextGen 529 account may be eligible for grants when opening an account or making additional contributions. These grants can really add up! Learn more at NextGenForME.com.

NextGen 529 is a Section 529 plan administered by the Finance Authority of Maine (FAME). Before you invest in NextGen 529, request a NextGen 529 Program Description from your Merrill advisor or Maine Distribution Agent or call Merrill at 1-877-463-9843 and read it carefully. The Program Description contains more complete information, including investment objectives, charges, expenses and risks of investing in NextGen 529, which you should carefully consider before investing. You also should consider whether your or your designated beneficiary's home state offers any state tax or other state benefits such as financial aid, scholarship funds, and protection from creditors that are only available for investments in such state's 529 plan. Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated, a registered broker-dealer, member SIPC, is the program manager and underwriter.



Claim Your Future® is a game that encourages students to explore education after high school, future careers, and money management. FAME offers free Claim Your Future game kits to Maine schools and organizations, as well as in-class presentations. Visit ClaimYourFuture.org for more information or to play the game online.



iGrad® is a comprehensive financial education tool to help students succeed in school and beyond. Supported by FAME, iGrad is available to all Maine students. To learn more, visit FAME.iGrad.com.

THE LOAN FOR ME™

TheLoanforME.com is an online resource that helps Maine residents understand the consequences of taking on student loan debt and become informed borrowers if they decide to borrow for higher education expenses. This resource provides loan information for a network of local Maine lenders and also assists individuals seeking to refinance or consolidate their student loan debt.



The Maine Loan and Maine Medical Loan allow borrowers to borrow up to the full cost of education less other financial aid. These loans are available to Maine residents attending approved schools in the United States and Canada, and out-of-state students attending approved schools in Maine. Learn more at MaineLoan.com.

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Help the future faces of Maine get more education and opportunities with less debt. Economic growth depends on a highly educated workforce. FAME's goal is Maine's goal: **By 2030, all Maine families are saving for higher education and Maine will have one of the lowest average student loan debt rates in the nation.** Every organization and individual can make a difference and boost Maine's economy. Visit our website for ideas on what you can do: InvestInME2030.com.

