

PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION

The Maine Veterinary Medicine Loan Program is a forgivable loan program established to help students defray the cost of enrollment in a program of study leading to a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine.

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 an accredited veterinary school
- Be admitted to a program of study leading to a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine. Entry into veterinary school must be after January 1, 2011
- Demonstrate desire to practice livestock or emergency care veterinary medicine in a designated underserved area in Maine
- Submit all required forms and documents by the deadline
- Demonstrate financial need
- Submit the 2023-2024 FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) by May 31, 2023

The maximum loan amount available is \$25,000 per year for loans made prior to academic year 2023-2024 and \$35,000 for loans made beginning academic year 2023-2024, depending on need as determined by the student's school.

This program is governed by Maine law as set forth in 20-A M.R.S.A. §12121 et seq. and Chapter 618 of the Rules of the Finance Authority of Maine.

INSTRUCTIONS AND REQUIREMENTS

Submit completed application and required documents to FAME by **May 31, 2023**. Applicants must:

- Review the Private Education Loan Application & Solicitation in the online application packet.
- Complete the Maine Veterinary Medicine Loan Program Application carefully.
- Write an essay that describes your desire to practice veterinary medicine related to livestock or emergency care in Maine. Essay must be typed, double-spaced and no more than 500 words. Essays will be reviewed for grammar, style, and content.
- Provide Maine residency documentation. (FAME reserves the right to ask for additional documentation if needed to determine your residency eligibility; may include parents' tax returns)
 - Signed copy of your 2022 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)
- Provide copies of your transcripts from all undergraduate and graduate schools you attended
- File the FAFSA (FAME, as a Maine state agency, will automatically receive a copy of your FAFSA after you file)

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

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

- Maine Veterinary Medicine Loan Program Application – pages 1 - 4
- Signed copy of your 2022 state income tax return
- Copy of driver's license
- Copy of vehicle registration
- Transcripts
- Submitted 2023-2024 FAFSA
- Essay