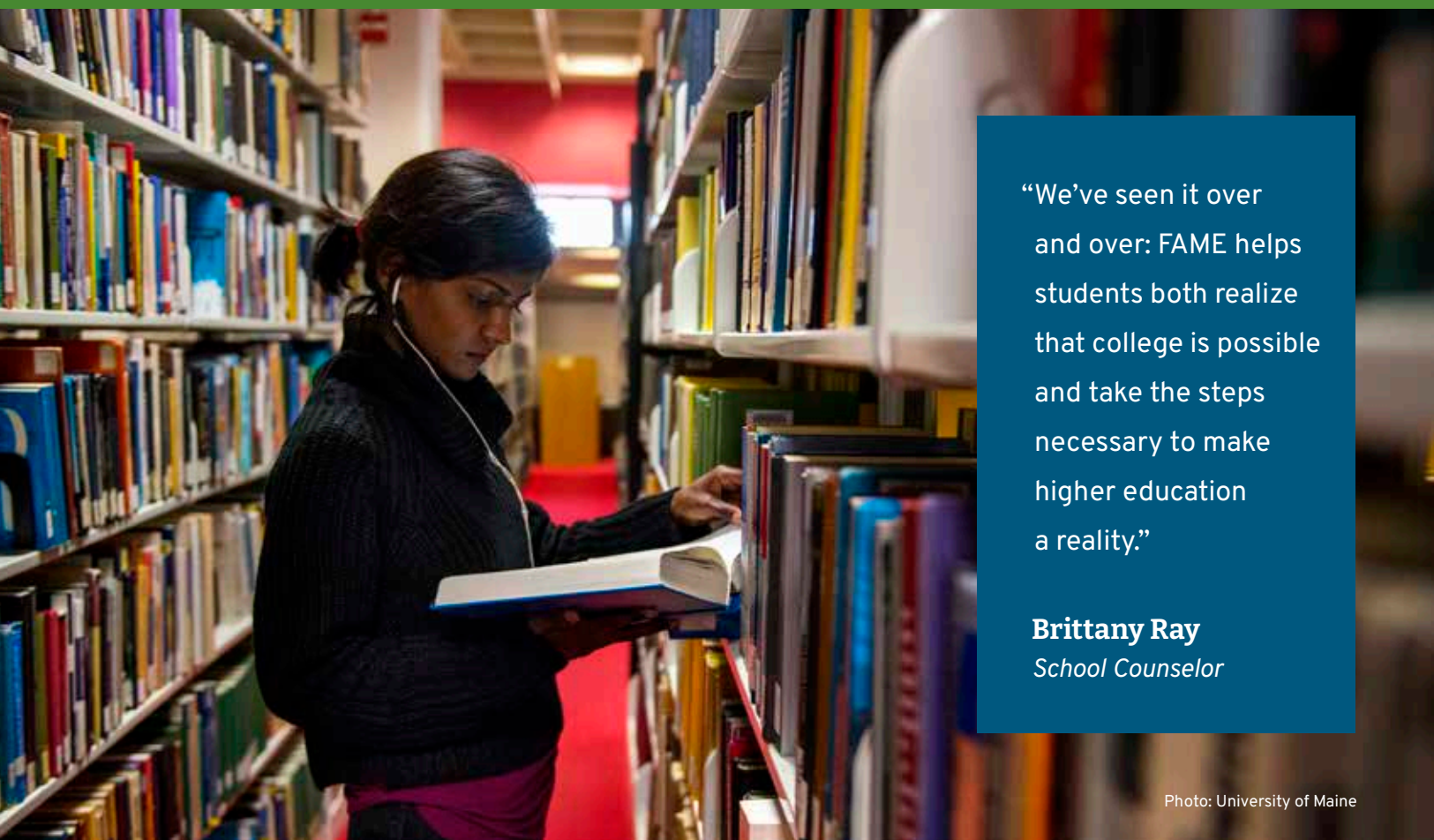


FAME's College Access and Financial Education (CAFE) Team provides outreach and support to Maine students and the education professionals who work with them in K-12 schools, colleges, post-secondary institutions, and adult education programs. The CAFE team offers services and resources to help students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

Services and Resources Include:

- Videos, publications, webinars, and presentations on saving for higher education, financial aid, and financial wellness
- FAFSA help sessions and downloadable resources to promote FAFSA completion
- FAFSA Completion Portal where high schools can monitor student FAFSA completion
- Monthly emails with financial aid and financial wellness tips
- Customized in-class presentations for all ages, including Claim Your Future®
- Free training for counselors and access professionals, including Financial Aid 101 and Wednesday Webinar series
- Financial wellness resources for individuals and employers, including Financial Check-In series featuring webinars and tips for employers and employees



“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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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 and Loan Programs

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

TUITION WAIVER PROGRAMS provide free tuition to certain foster children, adopted children/wards, 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 is for eligible medical students who enroll in a qualifying Maine-based medical school program.

EDUCATORS FOR MAINE 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.

FOREIGN CREDENTIALING GRANT PROGRAM provides small grants to New Mainers to help cover the cost of credential evaluation.

FOREIGN CREDENTIALING LOAN PROGRAM provides small loans to assist qualifying immigrants living in Maine who are not yet eligible to work in the United States.

MAINE DENTAL EDUCATION LOAN is a competitive, forgivable loan for Maine dental students 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 CARE PROVIDER LOAN REPAYMENT PILOT PROGRAM provides one-time loan repayment assistance to selected health care providers who commit to live and work in Maine for at least three years.

MAINE NURSING EDUCATION LOAN REPAYMENT PILOT PROGRAM provides loan repayment assistance to selected nurse educators who commit to live and work in Maine for at least three years.

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

Financial Wellness

At FAME, we understand the importance of establishing lifelong financial wellness and have created a number of free tools and resources to help you on your path toward financial freedom. Whether you're an individual pursuing education beyond high school, a parent interested in saving for education, or an employer looking to provide financial wellness resources for your employees, we have something for you. Visit FAMEmaine.com/build.

Powered by iGrad® and Enrich®, FAME offers **free online financial education** to support Maine people during high school, college, and beyond. To learn more, high school and college students can visit FAME.iGrad.com. Adults who are no longer students can visit FAME.Enrich.org.



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. For more information or to play the game online, visit ClaimYourFuture.org.



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.

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.



FAME administers NextGen 529, Maine's section 529 plan, which many Maine families use to save for education after high school. NextGen 529 is for people of all ages – babies, kids, even adults saving for their own education. To learn more about NextGen 529, visit NextGenforME.com.

