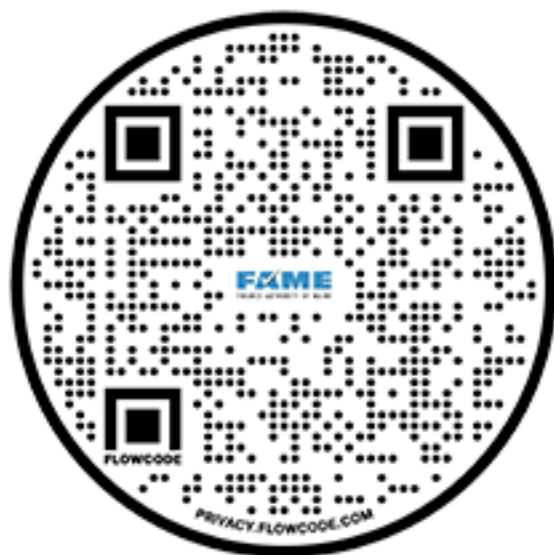


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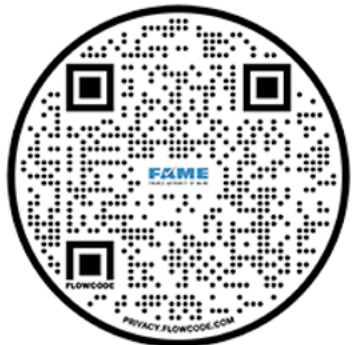
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The Maine Community Foundation (MaineCF) seeks to promote respect for all people. Through its scholarships, the community foundation supports all students regardless of their race, age, ancestry or national origin, sexual orientation, gender, physical or mental disability, religion, or geographical region within the state of Maine.

MaineCF's approach is designed to reward students' strengths and to affirm the positive aspects of their lives and work.

MaineCF encourages all students seeking post-secondary, graduate, or aspirational educational goals to apply for our scholarships, regardless of citizenship status. Our awards are based on many factors including academic performance, financial need, involvement in extracurricular activities, and work experience, and do not take into consideration an applicant's citizenship or immigration status.

All applicants must submit the required documents which may include applications, transcripts or grade reports, letters of recommendation, and the Student Aid Report from the FAFSA. We will waive the FAFSA requirement for those students unable to submit a FAFSA because of visa or immigration status.

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<https://www.maineecf.org/find-a-scholarship/>



<https://worthingtonscholars.org>

Scholarship Programs



Quick Facts:

- \$1500 per semester, renewable up to four semesters
- Additional funding available if student goes on to a 4-year partner college, or is enrolled in a 3-year community college program (up to \$14,500 total)
- Student support provided throughout college career

Eligibility:

- Maine Resident graduating in 2024 from a WSF partner high school
- High School GPA in the "C range" or higher as determined by the high school
- SAI of \$30,000 or less
- Must be accepted to college prior to applying
- Full-time enrollment at a Maine Community College



Quick Facts:

- \$2500 per semester, renewable up to 8 semesters (up to \$20,000 total)
- Student support provided throughout college career

Eligibility:

- Maine Resident graduating in 2024 from a WSF partner high school
- High School GPA in the "B range" or higher as determined by the high school
- SAI of \$30,000 or less
- Must be accepted to college prior to applying
- Full-time enrollment at a WSF 4-year partner college:

Partner Colleges:

Bowdoin College
Bates College
Colby College
College of the Atlantic
Husson University
Maine College of Art & Design
Maine Maritime Academy
Saint Joseph's
Thomas College
University of Maine
UM - Augusta
UM - Farmington
UM - Fort Kent
UM - Machias
UM - Presque Isle
University of New England
University of Southern Maine



Scholarship Programs



Mitchell Scholarship



A \$10,000 College Scholarship Plus So Much More

- Awards 200 scholarship recipients yearly, at least one recipient at each public high school in Maine
- In addition to the \$10,000 college scholarship (paid in four annual and equal installments of \$2,500), Mitchell Scholars receive access to a broad range of free programs, resources, and additional funding opportunities — throughout their college years and beyond.
- To be eligible for a Mitchell Scholarship, applicants must be:
 - full-time residents of Maine and be on track to graduate from **a public high school in Maine.**
 - Applicants should plan to attend a two-year or four-year degree program at an **accredited college or university in the fall semester immediately following their high school graduation.**
 - Students pursuing a two-year degree are eligible for up to four years of scholarship support **if they continue their education beyond the initial two years.**

<https://mitchellinstitute.org/a-10000-college-scholarship-plus-so-much-more/>

Application will open Fall 2025

Deadline March 2026



Scholarship Programs

Competitive Skills Scholarship Program (Maine Career Centers)

CSSP provides funding and support services for eligible Maine residents to **pursue two and four-year degree programs or employer recognized credentials leading to high-wage, in-demand jobs in Maine.**

Eligibility Requirements

- Be at least 18 years old or have graduated from High School
- Live in Maine
- Seeking a degree/credential for a job in a high wage/in demand occupation
- Do not have a marketable post-secondary degree
- Have household income of less than 200% of the federal poverty level
- Can complete the education or training program



The Competitive Skills Scholarship pays for tuition and fees that are not covered by other sources, including federal financial aid. **CSSP funding may also assist with other supports while you are in training including childcare, transportation, books, supplies, equipment, and remedial and prerequisite training**

Eligible applicants can receive up to **\$10,000 per year for a full-time student or \$5,000 per year for a part-time student** each year you remain in your training program.

<https://mainecareercenter.gov/cssp.shtml>

The Tuition Waiver Program (Foster Care)

Certain foster children and adopted children/wards under subsidy from the Maine Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) may receive a tuition waiver to a participating Maine public college/university.

▼ Who Is Eligible?

Eligible students must meet one of the following conditions at the time of graduation from high school or upon completion of HiSET/GED or equivalent:

- Be in Maine's foster care program
- Be adopted from Maine's foster care program and adoptive parent(s) receive a subsidy from Maine DHHS*
- Be a minor ward of a permanency guardian and guardian(s) receive a subsidy from Maine DHHS

Note: FAME will verify your status with DHHS upon receipt of your application.

* If the Maine DHHS subsidy is waived by the adoptive parent(s), the student is no longer eligible for a tuition waiver.

▼ How Do I Apply?

The 2025-2026 application cycle is now open.

There is no deadline for the Tuition Waiver (Foster Care) Program application. Please note that resources are limited and allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.

You may download the application via the program link below.

Scholarship / Workforce Development

More info at [FAMEmaine.com](https://famemaine.com)

About Educators for Maine

The Educators for Maine Program is a competitive, merit-based, **forgivable loan** for Maine students enrolling in or pursuing undergraduate or graduate education degrees. Applicants must demonstrate an interest in careers in education or child care and are planning to work in Maine after graduation.

Who Is Eligible?

- Students must be Maine residents.
- Students must be graduating high school seniors, undergraduate, or graduate students accepted into postsecondary degree programs.
- Students must have a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.
- Undergraduate students must be enrolled full time in an accredited U.S. college or university. Graduate students must be enrolled at least half time in an accredited U.S. college or university.
- Students must be pursuing initial certification as a teacher, including speech pathologist, or the attainment child care provider qualifications. An individual who has already obtained certification is not eligible for this program.

May 1, 2025. Applications submitted without all required documents will be considered incomplete.



Workforce Development Programs

Eligibility:

- Anyone Age 16+
- Work authorization
- Able to work full time

Other requirements determined by employer may include:

- High school diploma
- Driver's License
- 18+
- Background checks
- Drug testing
- Aptitude testing
- Physical/fitness testing

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Maine Apprenticeship Program

The Maine Apprenticeship Program is a career development program that's fast, flexible—and proven to yield the skilled workers Maine needs.



Join us for our next info session on
Tuesday, June 10th at 11am!

30 minute Zoom session

Register Now!

Reach out to your local Career Center or talk with Vocational Rehabilitation if you are a client

<https://apprenticeship.maine.gov/>



Workforce Development Programs

Eastern Maine Development Corp.

EMDC

Counties: Penobscot, Piscataquis, Hancock, Washington, Kennebec, Androscoggin, Somerset, Franklin, Aroostook and Oxford Counties

Workforce@emdc.org

(207) 991-0147

Workforce Solutions

Counties: York, Cumberland, Sagadahok, Lincoln, Knox, Waldo

Intake@WorkforceSolutionsME.org

(207) 930-7047

YOUTH WORKFORCE SERVICES

- EMDC offers paid mentorships and training to people ages 16-24, providing individualized support while they build the skills necessary to thrive in the workforce environment. **Participants receive hands-on experience in a work setting and one-on-one career counseling — all while earning a paycheck.**
- Earn a paycheck while you learn
- Explore careers with employers who are hiring in your area (including healthcare, information technology, and skilled labor)
- Work at a local business while mentored by EMDC and the employer
- Job coaching, resume building, leadership development, supportive services, and more



Workforce Development Programs

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What Is Vocational Rehabilitation?

The Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, also known as "VR," is a Department of Labor program that helps people who have disabilities to find and keep a job. VR helps people who have physical, mental, or emotional disabilities.

Who Is Eligible For VR Services?

To be eligible for VR, you must apply for services. To be eligible you must:

- have a disability that keeps you from getting or keeping a job; and
- need VR services to find or keep a job.

Eligibility must be determined in 60 days, but it is usually done in a much shorter period of time.

<https://www.maine.gov/rehab/dvr/vr.shtml>



Workforce Development Programs

<https://www.maine.gov/healthcaretrainingforme/>

If you are a Maine resident and a healthcare worker, you may be eligible for financial assistance through the Tuition Remission Program to obtain short term (18 months or less) training for certification, industry recognized credential or specialization, and/or career advancement.

Trainings

For information on eligibility and how to enroll, please visit the program website.

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Start Date	Provider Name	Location	Course Title	In person / hybrid / remote	Training Type	FMI
8/25/2025	Paramount Behavioral Services	Waterville	MHRT/C NA Domain 8	Video Conference	Short-term	Paramount Behavioral Services
8/4/2025	Paramount Behavioral Services	Waterville	MHRT/C NA Domain 7	Video Conference	Short-term	Paramount Behavioral Services
9/15/2025	Alternative Wellness Services/ The Opportunity Alliance	Biddeford/Portland	MHSS	In-person	Short-term	Alternative Wellness Services
Apr-25	Central Maine Healthcare	Lewiston	Clinic Support Assistant	In Person	Earn-While-You-Learn	Website
Fall	Northern Light Health	Multiple	Respiratory Therapist (RRT)	In-person	Earn-to-learn	Website
Jan/May	University of New England	Portland	Accelerated Nursing (18 months)	In person	Long Term	Website

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)

The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) provides a monthly benefit to help low-income households purchase nutritious food.

If you receive SNAP you may also be eligible to participate in Maine SNAP-Ed or [Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Employment and Training \(SNAP E&T\)](#)

What do I need to do to apply?

Eligibility for SNAP is based on income, assets, expenses and household size. You will need to fill out an application, complete an interview and provide verification of your household's income, identity, citizenship status, assets and other items depending on your household circumstances.

How do I apply?

Option 1: Apply online through [My Maine Connection](#).

Option 2: Download and mail an [application](#).

Office for Family Independence
114 Corn Shop Lane
Farmington, ME 04938

Option 3: E-mail an application to [Farmington.DHH](#)

Option 4: Fax an application to (207) 778-8429.

Workforce Development Programs



STATE OF MAINE
Department of
Health and Human Services

You might be eligible for the HOPE Program if you:

1. Are a parent or caretaker relative of a minor child who is living with you.
2. Are a Maine resident between the ages of 16 through 64.
3. Meet the [financial qualifications](#). See below to see what this means for you.
4. Have been accepted to or are enrolled at least half-time in a [qualifying training or education program](#) beyond high school. If you are enrolled less than half-time, the HOPE Program needs to approve this.
5. Are not currently receiving, or someone in your family unit is not currently receiving, a monthly TANF or PaS cash benefit.
6. Are a U.S. citizen or eligible non-U.S. citizen. Many non-citizens are eligible.
7. Do not already have a marketable bachelor's degree.
8. Are making satisfactory progress in your training or education program (based on your school's standards) and you are on track to graduate.

If you fit the description above, you may be eligible and want to [apply](#). If you are unsure if you are eligible, you should [contact us](#) to find out more. We are happy to help.

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Services

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<https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/ofc/programs-services>

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The Financial Paraplanner Qualified Professional™ (FPQP™) professional designation program is designed for new professionals entering the financial services industry, with some industry experience looking to deepen their foundational knowledge of the financial planning process and the disciplines of financial planning—while being introduced to different product categories, essential terminology, and general concepts applicable to financial planning.

FPQP Course Topics

- The Financial Planning Process
- Business Ownership, Cash Management, & the Use of Debt
- The Time Value of Money
- Insurance Basics and Property Insurance
- Life and Health Insurance Investment Basics and Strategies
- Retirement Planning
- Tax Implications of Financial Decisions
- Estate Planning Basics
- Case Study and Master Index



The Financial Advising Accelerator Certificate Program is designed for financial advisors who are new to the industry or in the early stages of their financial advising career. This self-study program is an ideal complement to early career professional designation and licensing programs through its focus on the practical skills to plan for, develop, and manage your practice, and confidently engage with clients.

The FAA Course Topics

- Developing a Business Plan for Your Practice
- Marketing Your Practice
- Managing Your Practice
- Growing Your Practice
- Communicating with Clients During the Financial Planning Process
- Understanding Client Psychology

For the FAA Program, a certificate of completion is issued upon successful program completion. The program does not award a professional certification (i.e., a credential that demonstrates the holder's specialized knowledge, skills, and experience).

Workforce Development Programs

The Maine Community College System offers free (and sometimes earn-while-you-learn) short term training programs

<https://www.mccs.me.edu/workforce-training/trainees/non-credit-courses/>

Classes are OnDemand - you can enroll into and begin the pre-recorded class lectures at any time!

Students have 120 days to complete both programs from the date of course access (including taking and passing the final exam).



For Questions, contact us at
wccworkforce@mainecc.edu



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Tuition Guarantee for Qualified Maine Students

The University of Maine at Augusta is committed to providing affordable access to a university education, and help students manage the growing costs of a college education. To help ease the financial burden UMA offers **The Pine Tree State Pledge**.

Through this tuition guarantee program, qualified and eligible entering *in-state, full-time first-year students* will not pay any out-of-pocket expenses for tuition (regular UMA tuition) and mandatory fees. This program is also available to *transfer in-state full-time*

College Specific Programs

Fort Kent Promise Program

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Qualify for Free Tuition?

The Promise Program guarantees that first-time, full-time receive an annual tuition discount package that covers (30 credits plus standard fees)

FREE for Four Award

Selected recipients will receive a combination of both grant and scholarship funds to cover the annual cost of standard tuition and fees. Recipients are required to attend as full time students and successfully complete 12 credit hours per semester.

A limited number of awards are available for first time, full-time or transfer students from Maine who have filed a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), are Pell Grant eligible, and have a Student Aid Index (SAI) of 6,655 or lower. Priority will be given to students who apply for Financial Aid by March 31st. If applying after March 31st, please contact the UMPI Admissions Office for details and availability.

For Maine Families Award

Maine applicants who are not Pell-eligible or have a Student Aid Index (SAI) of 6,656 or higher may receive significant reductions for tuition and fees (at least \$4,600 or more in financial aid grants and scholarships).



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Free tuition for qualifying Maine students our Downeast Promise.

The University of Maine at Machias is pleased to offer the Downeast Promise program in support of Maine students and families. The Downeast Promise provides access to higher education, and increases affordability so more Maine students can earn a college degree.

The Downeast Promise guarantees that **all first-time, full-time, Pell Grant-eligible Maine residents** receive sufficient grant and/or scholarship credits per year of tuition and standard fees — a savings of around \$9,000 annually.



College Specific Programs

The INSPIRE Maine Pathways Scholarship Program guarantees grant and/or scholarship funding, to qualifying Maine residents, covers 100% of tuition and mandatory fees at UMaine for up to 8 semesters over 4 years, or 120 credits, whichever comes first. <https://umaine.edu/stuaid/inspireme/>

PATHWAY 1

Eligibility Criteria:

- Maine resident
- First-time, first-year and new transfer, undergraduate students, applying and accepted to the University of Maine for Summer or Fall, pursuing a first bachelor's degree
- Eligible for Federal Pell Grant *and* an SAI (Student Aid Index) from the FAFSA of less than **6,655** (*maximum SAI is subject to change each year based on federally set Pell Grant amounts*).

Potential Award Amount:

- 100% of tuition and mandatory fees covered by grants and/or scholarships

PATHWAY 2

Eligibility Criteria:

- Maine resident
- First-time, first-year and new transfer, undergraduate students, applying and accepted to the University of Maine for Summer or Fall, pursuing a first bachelor's degree
- Qualifying family Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) and assets, as calculated on the FAFSA, of less than **\$75,000**

Potential Award Amounts:

- 100% of tuition and mandatory fees covered by grants and/or scholarships



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What is the UNE Tuition-Free Program?

- UNE's Tuition-Free Program (TFP) provides eligible students accepted for fall 2025 into an undergraduate program of study with the opportunity to attend the University tuition free for up to 4 years.
- The TFP covers tuition for full-time enrollment in an undergraduate program for eligible students. Additional educational related costs include, but are not limited to, required fees, residence hall, and dining charges.

<https://www.une.edu/sfs/undergraduate/financing-your-education#tfp>

College Specific Programs

Eligible students must meet the following criteria:

- Accepted into an undergraduate program of study for fall 2025 of the 2025-2026 academic year.
- Have a cumulative, unweighted high school GPA of 3.85+ 
- First-time, first-year students only, attending college immediately or shortly after graduating from high school.
- Attend on a full-time basis. (12+ credits/semester).
- Live on campus.
- Must file a FAFSA for the 2025-2026 academic year, demonstrate an Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) of less than \$100,000 for the 2023 tax year, and have a Student Aid Index (SAI) of 0. 
- Must accept all Federal and State Grant Aid included in the financial aid package.
- Must be classified as a dependent for financial aid purposes. Independent students should reach out to Student Financial Services for details about eligibility.

FREE COLLEGE - HOW IT WORKS

1 Have A High School Diploma

(or equivalent) from 2022, 2023, 2024, or 2025.



2 Enroll

Pursue a degree or certificate program at least part time during the following time frames:

2022 grads: No later than Fall 2024, Spring 2025, or Summer 2025

2023 grads: No later than Fall 2025, Spring 2026, or Summer 2026

2024 grads: No later than Fall 2026, Spring 2027, or Summer 2027

2025 grads: No later than Fall 2027, Spring 2028, or Summer 2028



3 File the FAFSA

File online at studentaid.gov/FAFSA.

Please note: If you aren't eligible or can't complete the FAFSA, contact the colleges' Financial Aid Office. All federal and state aid is applied before the Free College Scholarship.



4 Live in Maine

while enrolled



5 Complete Your Certificate or Degree

You can access the scholarship for up to 200% of the program completion time. (I.e. If your program takes two years, you have up to four years to complete it.)

New this year: Part time is okay!



Please note:

- You cannot earn more than one associate degree under the Free College Scholarship.
- You can use the Free College Scholarship to get two stacked, one-year certificates or a certificate and an associate degree in the following scenarios:
 1. If the two certificates are stackable. (Ex. Heating certificate, Plumbing certificate)
 2. If the certificate leads to the associate degree. (Ex. Automotive Chassis certificate + Automotive Technology degree)
 3. If the two certificates are directly related. (Ex. Construction Technology certificate and Electrician Technology certificate)

Learn More!



Transfer ME

<https://www.maine.edu/students/transfeme/>

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Are you a Maine community college student who wants to continue your education at Maine's public universities?

With Transfer ME, you can bypass the traditional transfer application process and be directly admitted into the University of Maine System.

Save time and money and get your door-opening bachelor's degree fast.



What is Transfer ME?

Transfer ME is a pathway for Maine Community College System (MCCS) graduates to bypass the traditional transfer admissions process into the University of Maine System (UMS). Graduates from select UMS-MCCS transfer pathway programs are automatically admitted to one or more of Maine's public universities based on academic performance and progress.



College Specific Programs

Who is Eligible?

- ★ Entering First-year, first-time, full-time students. The student **must be a resident of Penobscot County, Maine or attend a high school in Penobscot County, Maine.**
- ★ Students must have a cumulative high school GPA of 3.0 or higher by the end of their junior year
- ★ Students and their families must have an adjusted gross income (AGI) of \$80,000 or less as reported on the student's FAFSA for their first year of enrollment at Husson.

What is the duration of the award?

Students will be awarded the Cyr Opportunity Scholarship **for up to 4 years of undergraduate study.** Students must maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress as outlined in the Husson Student Handbook. Students must maintain a minimum of **12 credits per semester or 24 credits in an academic year to remain eligible for upcoming semesters.**

The scholarship with a combination of all other forms of financial aid will be equal to the cost of tuition for the students selected academic program.



GFSTM Noyce Scholarship

(Growing Future STEM Teachers in Maine)

- Two Years Free Tuition - \$60,000 over two years, scholarships cover tuition for the **junior and senior year, this may even cover some or all room and board.**
- Travel to regional and national conferences and workshops on STEM & Secondary Education
- Field Experiences
- Support BEYOND the fourth year
 - Mentor - After graduation, Scholars will have a mentor to provide classroom observations and just-in-time coaching.
 - Annual Professional Development
 - Professional Learning Community

Eligibility:

- Have completed at least 24 STEM or secondary education credits prior to their first semester as a Scholar and have a clear pathway to complete the program in two years.
- Be enrolled in one of the four STEM & Secondary Education programs by the application deadline. Transfer applicants must have completed the general SJC transfer application.
- Have earned a 3.0 cumulative GPA in their college courses or 2.7 with letter of recommendation
- Be a United States citizen or legal permanent resident (green card holder)
- Have demonstrated a passion for STEM & Secondary Education and an interest in teaching in high-needs schools. Those who have participated in GFSTM activities are strongly encouraged to apply.

Recipients of GFSTM Noyce Scholarships **commit to teaching for four years in a high-need school district after completion of the program.** GFSTM commits to supporting graduates through new teacher induction coaching, professional learning communities, and professional development opportunities.



What is the Promise Scholarship?

The Promise Scholarship supports up to 100 scholars every year – approximately 25 in each class – with top-off, multi-year scholarship awards that aim to cover up to 100% of a scholar's demonstrated need, as determined by the FAFSA.

It covers the cost of tuition, fees, housing, and meals. The award amount varies by student and sits on-top of a scholar's financial aid package including federal aid, state aid, and merit scholarships to meet a scholar's full need.

Am I eligible to apply?

To qualify for the Promise Scholarship a student:

- must be an incoming first-year or transfer undergraduate admitted to a USM degree program,
- must be a resident of the State of Maine,
- demonstrate financial need
- must intend to enroll on a full-time basis each term, demonstrate commitment to civic engagement and/or community service,
- be a first-generation college student (preferred),
- be nominated by a youth serving organization, community program, or school counselor

Applications are reviewed by a selection committee and are selected based on demonstrated financial need, notable leadership and civic engagement activities, academic achievement, and exceptional promise for success in college.

tuition break

For Maine Residents

Maine residents are eligible for more than 1,800 undergraduate and graduate degree programs through Tuition Break.



The programs are offered by public colleges and universities in Connecticut, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Vermont — all at a substantial tuition discount. Eligible students are charged a tuition rate that is significantly less than the regular out-of-state tuition rate.

View and search program offerings approved for 2024-25: [Find all programs for Maine residents](#)

View information for each Tuition Break institution, including approved programs, tuition rates and contacts: [Participating colleges and universities](#).

<https://nebhe.org/tuitionbreak/find-a-program/maine/>

Filters


Program Category

- ☐ Build Your Career
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Class Delivery

- ☐ Bangor
- ☐ Brunswick
- ☐ In Person
- ☐ Online
- ☐ Self-Paced


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February 13 @ 12:00 am - June 30 @ 11:59 pm  Build Your Business Website

Build Your Business Website (Self-Paced)

Self-Paced

Do you need a new or updated website for your business? This class provides business owners with tools to create a professional website that reflects your brand and meets your business's needs. The class covers topic areas such as Search Engine Optimization (SEO), social media, and email marketing as well as free products from Empower by GoDaddy.

July 1 @ 9:00 am - 2:30 pm  Venturing Forth

Venturing Forth: Business Planning for Entrepreneurs (Online)

Online ME, United States

Venturing Forth is a 60-hour course in business planning covering these topics in depth: your customer, competition, marketing, record keeping, taxes, financing, legal aspects, and more.


June 17 @ 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Exploring Self-Employment (Online)

Online ME, United States

This one-hour workshop will help you decide if self-employment is the right choice for you. Our professional staff cover the pros and cons of owning your own business, the steps needed for start-up, the major elements of a business plan, and the many resources available to help you succeed.

Free Training

September 16 @ 10:00 am - 11:30 am  Business Basics (Online)

Business Basics (Online)

Online ME, United States

This three-session class with our professional staff covers the basics of writing a business plan, marketing, recordkeeping, and cash planning. The class is for those thinking about or in the early start-up phase of a new business.

September 18 @ 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Bookkeeping Solutions (Online)

Online ME, United States

This one-hour workshop will help you understand the basics of keeping accurate financial records. Our professional staff will present several choices so you can choose the system that works best for your business.

September 25 @ 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Projecting Cash Flow (Online)

Online ME, United States

Understanding how cash flows in and out of your business is critical for your success. In this one-hour interactive workshop, our professional staff will guide you in exploring how to develop income and expense estimates, even before you start your business.

September 30 @ 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

Your Marketing Strategy (Online)

Online ME, United States

This one-hour workshop with our professional staff introduces you to marketing strategies for your small business—developing a mission statement and customer profiles, conducting market research, branding, and selling. We'll give you a framework so that you can create your own marketing strategies for your business.

Micro credentials

Register for the Financial Literacy Micro-Credential (External Link)

Who is eligible to register?

- Youth 13-17 years old
- UMS Students, Faculty, & Staff
- Maine Residents

What is the cost to the learner?

- No cost

What is the delivery mode?

- Asynchronous online (Level 1)
- Hyflex (Levels 2 and 3)

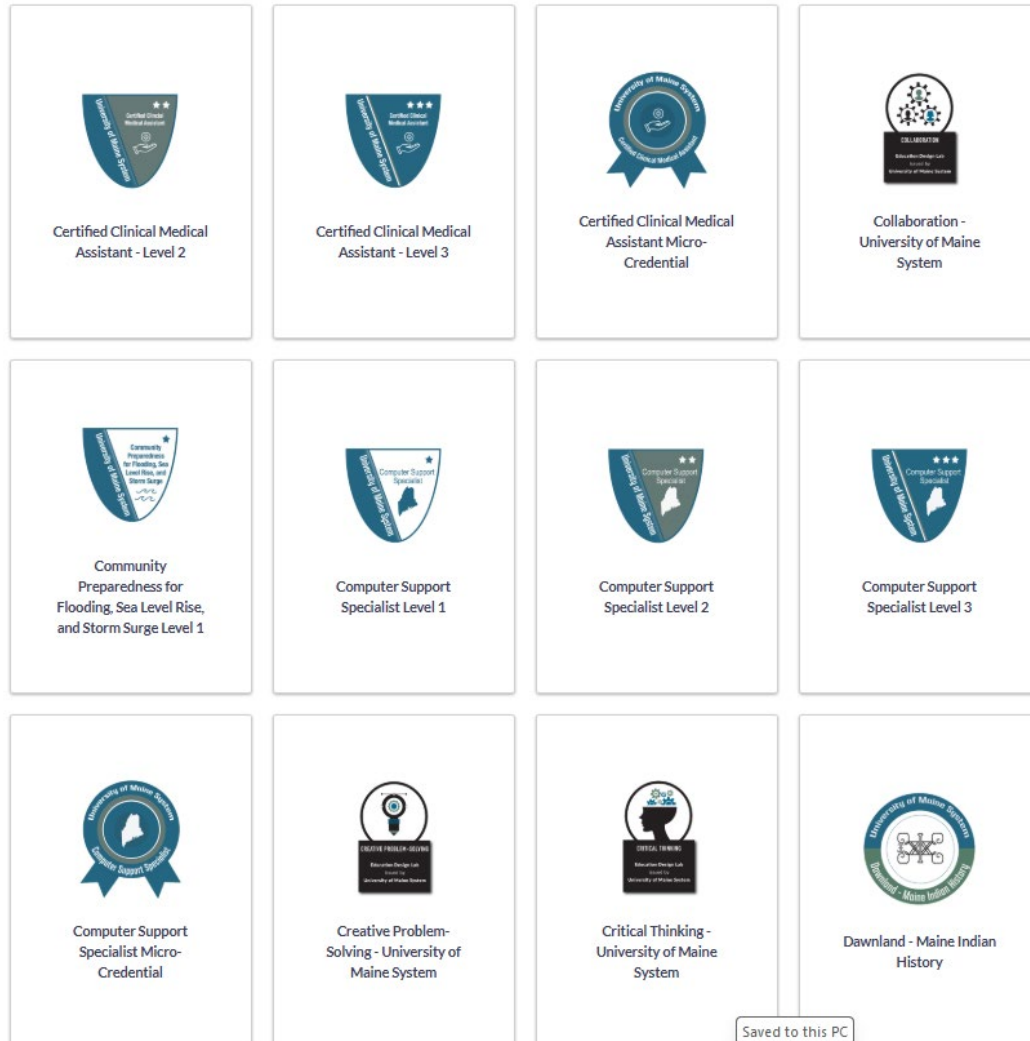
Where can I find additional information about this micro-credential?

Visit the [New Ventures Maine Manage Your Money website](#) (External Site)

Who can I contact to answer my questions about this micro-credential?

Contact Kelley Glidden, NVME Workforce Development Manager (email kelly.glidden@maine.edu or call 207-621-3436)

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New Mainers Programs

Foreign Credentialing and Skills Recognition Grant Program

The Foreign Credentialing and Skills Recognition Grant Program provides small grants to assist eligible immigrants living in Maine who are not yet eligible to work in the United States prepare for entry into the workforce.

Grants for up to \$1,000 are available to help pay for the costs associated with the process of becoming work-ready while waiting for issuance of a work permit by federal immigration authorities.

Scholarship	Amount	Deadline	Eligibility	Course of Study
American Federation of Ramallah Palestine	\$8,000	May 31	Palestinian and Palestinian American students	Any
American Legion Children and Youth Scholarship	\$500	May 1	Must be a Maine resident	Any
Asian Pacific Fund	\$1,000–\$20,000	See website	Must plan to be enrolled full-time in the fall. Minimum GPA of 3.0. Must be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident unless otherwise stated.	Any
Avesta Housing Scholarship	\$1,000	May 9	Avesta residents who are enrolling in a post-secondary program. Eligible programs include college, trade school, and certificate programs.	Any
Ayn Rand Essay	Varies	See	Offers three different worldwide essay contests: Anthem (for 8th–12th grade students); Fountainhead (for 11th & 12th	Any

<https://www.famemaine.com/affording-education/make-a-plan/planning-tips-for/new-mainers/>



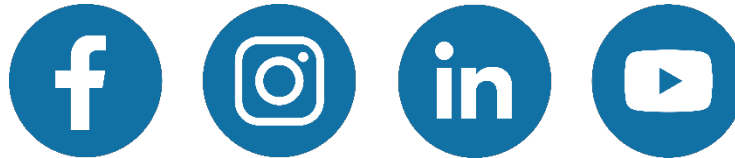
Others?



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