

FAME’s Education Affordability and Financial Wellness Team provides FREE outreach and support to Maine students and families from birth through adulthood. The team offers services and resources to help students and their families save, plan, and pay for higher education, with a focus on college savings, financial aid, and financial wellness.

Services and Resources Include:

- Presentations, one-on-one virtual counseling, monthly tips, videos, and publications to support college savings, increase access to financial aid, and build financial wellness.
- Help and resources to support students in completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid—commonly known as the FAFSA.
- FAFSA Completion Portal where high schools can monitor student FAFSA completions.
- Customized in-class presentations for all ages, including Claim Your Future®
- Free virtual and in-person training for educators, counselors, access professionals, employers, and more.
- Financial wellness for children, adults, and employers, including Invest in ME Reads family financial wellness, the Financial Check-In lunch and learn series, and free online education at FAME.Enrich.org.



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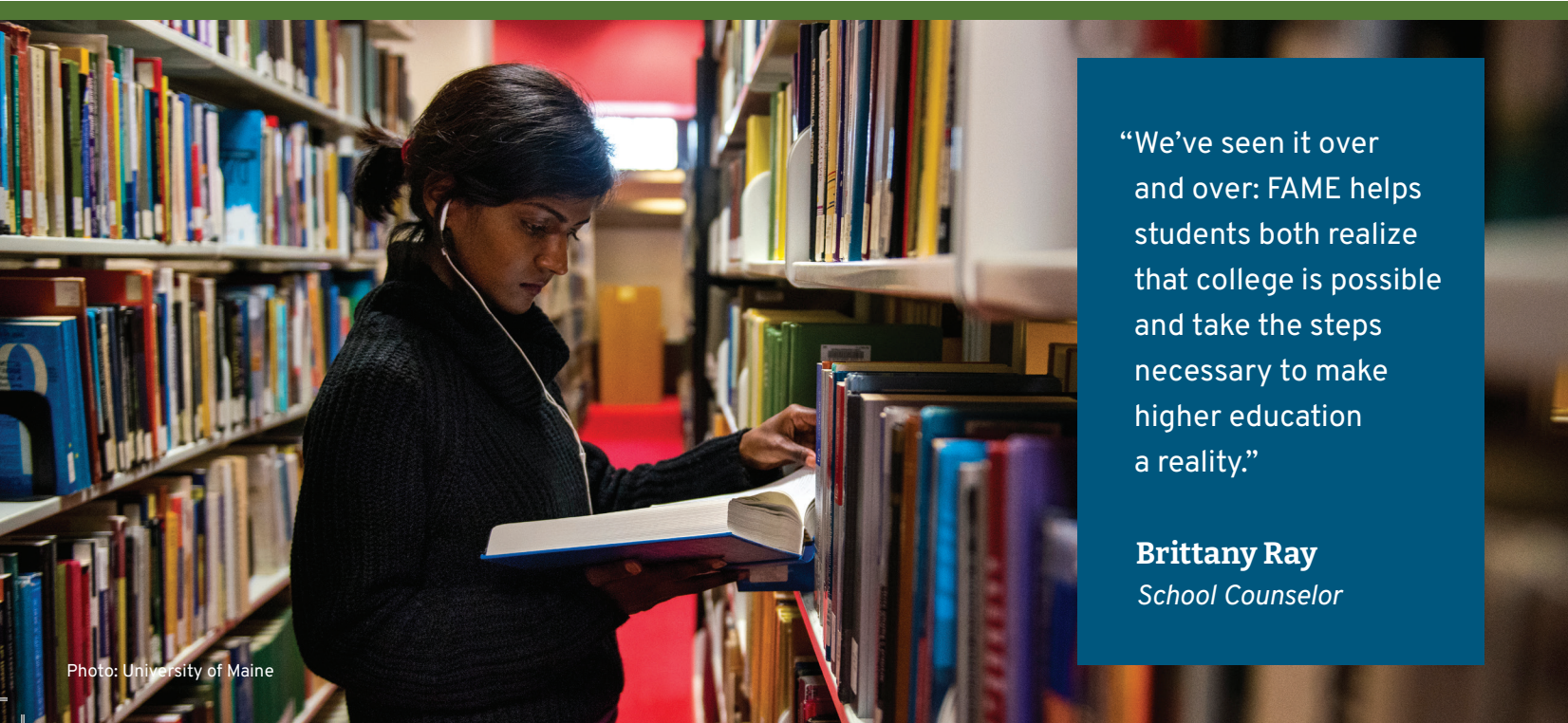


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Helping Maine families create a brighter future

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“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
School Counselor

Photo: University of Maine



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 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.

HANLEY CENTER FOR HEALTH LEADERSHIP & EDUCATION MEDICAL STUDENT LOAN PROGRAM is a need-based, competitive loan for Maine residents enrolled in or accepted to approved medical schools.

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 NURSING EDUCATION LOAN REPAYMENT 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 VETERINARY MEDICINE LOAN is a need-based, competitive, forgivable loan for Maine veterinary students. Borrowers may have a portion of their loan forgiven for each year of eligible return service.



The Maine Loan allows 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.



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.



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.

Investing is an important decision. The investments in your account may vary with market conditions and could lose value. Carefully read the Program Description in its entirety for more information and consider all investment objectives, risks, charges, and expenses before investing. For a copy of the Program Description, visit NextGenforMe.com or call 1-833-336-4529.

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