FAME 2026 Annual Showcase Maine

We want to hear from you!

Each year at its annual meeting, FAME celebrates the remarkable individuals and organizations whose dedication to Maine's economy and higher education truly makes our state shine. Thanks to their hard work, Maine is a wonderful place to work, learn, and live. This year, we'd love your help in spotlighting these outstanding community members and organizations by nominating candidates for the 2026 awards.

Please submit your nominees for:

2026 Business at Work for Maine Award

2026 Education at Work for Maine Award

On the following two pages, you will find nomination forms that outline the criteria for these awards.

The deadline for submitting award nominations is Friday, September 4, 2026. Please email nomination forms to braffo@FAMEmaine.com.

After the selection process, you will be notified whether your nominee was selected to receive an award.

On Monday evening, November 2, 2026, FAME will host its annual meeting, Showcase Maine, at the Holiday Inn By the Bay in Portland, where we will publicly recognize the winners of these awards.

Thank you for your help with this request for nominations. If you have questions or comments about FAME's annual awards or the Showcase Maine event in general, please contact us at braffo@FAMEmaine.com.

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Award Nomination Form:

Business at Work for Maine

Criteria: To be eligible, the individual, business or organization must meet *at least one* of the following criteria:

1. Be a current or former participant in a FAME program (Commercial Loan Insurance Program, Economic Recovery Loan Program, Maine Seed Capital Tax Credit Program, New Market Tax Credits, SSBCI, Agricultural Loans, or Bond Programs) within the last three years and provide quality employment.

2. Have made a positive impact on Maine's economy through advancement of natural resource utilization (e.g., forest products, agriculture, fisheries, etc.), emerging industries (e.g. life sciences, blue economy, etc.), or other demonstrable positive economic activity (e.g. manufacturing, outdoor recreation, etc.).

3. Works within the commercial lending or economic development community and exemplifies a history of successfully leveraging resources by providing assistance to businesses in the state of Maine.

Please provide us with as much background information on the nominee as possible. Feel free to include letters of support from other individuals and organizations, copies of newspaper articles, brochures, letters of commendation and recommendation, photos or other materials that will help us understand the accomplishments of the nominee.

Please tell us about the individual/organization you are nominating:

Nominee Name: _____ Title: _____

Company: _____

Address, City, State, ZIP: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Website: _____

Why do you feel the nominee deserves this award?

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Award Nomination Form:

Education at Work for Maine

Criteria: To be eligible for consideration, an individual(s), organization or business must meet *at least one* of the following criteria:

1. Promote higher education, college access, or financial education to Maine citizens by encouraging and/or providing assistance for students/employees to attain higher education through educational programs, scholarships, mentor programs, counseling, volunteer programs, etc.

2. Make special contributions to increase college access, higher education, or financial education for the citizens of Maine, or must have inspired others to do so.

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