

HOPE

HAVE YOU HEARD ABOUT HOPE ?

The Higher Opportunity for Pathways to Employment (HOPE) Program is committed to helping you reach your educational goals by helping cover the costs related to school. Whether you are seeking a short-term training certificate, or an associate or bachelor's degree, the HOPE Program has the tools and resources to help you.

Do I Qualify?

You might be eligible for the HOPE Program if you:

- Are a parent or caretaker relative of a minor child who is living with you.
- Are a Maine resident between the ages of 16 through 64.
- Meet the financial qualifications.
- 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.
- Are not current receiving, or someone in your family unit is not currently receiving, a monthly TANF or PaS cash benefit.
- Are a U.S. citizen or eligible non-U.S. citizen. Many non-citizens are eligible.
- Do not already have a marketable bachelor's degree.
- Are making satisfactory progress in your training or education program (based on your school's standards) and you are on track to graduate.

How Can HOPE Help?

HOPE assists qualifying parents with costs related to training and education:

- Tuition and fees
- Prior tuition and fees preventing you from reenrolling in school
- Books, supplies, tools, and equipment
- Child Care
- Transportation
- Auto repairs, registration, insurance, and inspection
- Computer or other technology
- Dental care (if needed to help you stay in school)
- Other costs related to school

What Are HOPE Navigators?

Navigators are specialists who can help you with:

- Selecting and registering for classes
- Creating class schedules
- Understanding your student bills and fees
- Applying for financial aid and completing financial aid forms
- Finding child care
- Connecting to HOPE, school, and community resources
- And more!



If you would like assistance applying for HOPE, contact:
Maine Educational Opportunity Center

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