Funding Your Education

Approximately 76% of Maine students receive some form of financial assistance. UMS Financial Aid offices administer federal, state and institution aid programs.

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is the first step in receiving federal aid including Pell Grant, Perkins Loan, Stafford Loans and work-study. To complete the FAFSA, visit:

www.fafsa.gov

To learn more about applying to a UMS campus, transferring previous college credits and funding your education, find a concierge nearest you at:

www.maine.edu/future-students/adult-students/concierge

76% of all Maine undergraduate students receive need based financial aid

Bank of Maine

Adult Degree Completion

The Chancellor’s Office/System-wide Services of the University of Maine System is an equal opportunity/affirmative action institution.

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Adult Baccalaureate Completion/Distance Education (ABCDE) Initiative

The University of Maine System (UMS), in partnership with numerous Maine organizations has created a plan to enhance baccalaureate degree attainment and completion by Maine’s adult citizens.

60% of all jobs in Maine will require a bachelor’s degree by 2018

As part of this initiative, the ABCDE Steering Committee was charged with developing strategies for innovative programing, strengthening access, removing barriers to success and identifying academic and support services.

Help is Available

UMS adopted a Concierge model of service in 15 communities across Maine. A Campus Concierge may be found on each of the University campuses and the University College Centers. Much like the hospitality industry, the UMS Concierges helps guide adult students through various activities such as applying to the institution, choosing a major, finding financial assistance, and registering for courses. The Concierge serves as the single point of contact to support adult students achieving their educational goals.

For more information and to contact a concierge nearest you, please visit:

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Nearly 40% of the entire UMS student population is over the age of 24

An estimated 230,000 adults in Maine have some college, but no degree

Adult Degree Completion Scholarship

The purpose of this scholarship is to help Maine people complete their academic studies. Many adults started their education years ago, but did not complete a degree program, often due to family or work obligations.

Maine adults who want to return to college may qualify for as much as $4,000 per year for up to 8 consecutive semesters.

Eligibility Criteria

- Must be a resident of the state of Maine.
- Must be a matriculated student at a UMS institution seeking a first baccalaureate degree.
- Must be a returning undergraduate student who has experienced a gap of at least three years and enrolling at a UMS institution no more than one year prior to this scholarship application.
- Must demonstrate financial need as determined by a completed the federal financial aid form and a statement outlining the ability to pay and financial resources available for education.
- Must be registered at least part time. Students enrolled in fewer credits will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Find more information at:

www.maine.edu/future-students/adult-students/scholarships/