

TYPES OF STUDENT AID, GRANTS, AND LOANS

Program	Eligibility and Program Information	Annual Award Amounts (subject to change)
Federal Pell Grant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For undergraduates with financial need who have not earned bachelor's or professional degrees • A student can receive a Federal Pell Grant for no more than 12 semesters or the equivalent (roughly six years). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amounts can change annually. • For 2016–17 (July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017), the award amount is up to \$5,815. • For Federal Pell Grant details and updates, visit http://StudentAid.gov/pell-grant
Direct Subsidized Loans	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For undergraduate students who have financial need; U.S. Department of Education generally pays interest while student is in school and during certain other periods; student must be at least half-time. Interest rate is 3.76% for loans first disbursed on or after July 1, 2016 and before July 1, 2017; rate is fixed for the life of the loan. • Borrowers may not receive this type of loan for more than 150 percent of the length of their program of study; the U.S. Department of Education may stop paying interest if the student who received Direct Subsidized Loans for the maximum period continues enrollment. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Up to \$5,500, depending on grade level and dependency status. • For Direct Subsidized Loan details and updates, visit StudentAid.gov/sub-unsub • Visit StudentAid.gov/interest for the latest information on interest rates.
Direct Unsubsidized Loans	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For undergraduate and graduate or professional students; borrower is responsible for all interest; student must be at least half-time; financial need is not required. Interest rate is 3.76% for loans first disbursed on or after July 1, 2016 and before July 1, 2017; rate is fixed for the life of the loan. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Up to \$20,500 (less any subsidized amount received for the same period), depending on grade level and dependency status. • For Direct Unsubsidized Loan details and updates, visit StudentAid.gov/sub-unsub

<p>Direct Plus Loans</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For parents of dependent undergraduate students and for graduate or professional students; borrower is responsible for all interest; student must be enrolled at least half- time; financial need is not required. Interest rate is 6.31% for loans first disbursed on or after July 1, 2016 and before July 1, 2017; rate is fixed for the life of the loan. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maximum amount is cost of attendance minus any other financial aid received. • For Direct PLUS Loan details and updates, visit StudentAid.gov/plus
<p>Maine State Grant Program</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The State of Maine Grant Program provides need-based grants to Maine undergraduate students. • How do I apply? File your FAFSA by May 1. Maine residents who file their FAFSA by May 1 are automatically considered for the grant. No other forms are required. • Who is eligible? You must be enrolled at least half-time in an undergraduate program at an eligible institution. Because this is a need-based grant, your expected family contribution (EFC) must not exceed the maximum EFC set in any given year. The maximum EFC for the 2015-2016 school year is 5,000.* You must attend an eligible college/university in Maine. • How are students selected? NTI will review your enrollment status and EFC and determine if you are eligible for the grant. The grant award may be part of your financial aid package. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For the 2015-2016 school year, the grant is \$1,500. • Students who are enrolled less than full-time may be eligible for up to \$750 in the 2015-2016 academic year. • <i>The State of Maine Grant Program is governed by Maine law as set forth in 20-A M.R.S.A. §11611 et seq. and Chapter 601 of the Rules of the Finance Authority of Maine.</i> <i>*The maximum EFC is based upon available funding and may be adjusted at any time.</i> • How is the grant paid? Grant funds are paid directly to the college/university for credit to your student account. • More info at: http://www.famemaine.com/maine_grants_loans/state-of-maine-grant-program/#sthash.GRD8IEQz.dpuf