

# How Can Help?

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## Financial Supports

The HOPE Program helps qualifying parents cover costs related to training and education. HOPE can help pay for:

- Tuition and Fees
- Prior Tuition and Fees preventing you from reenrolling in school
- Books, Supplies, Tools and Equipment
- Child Care
- Transportation
- Automobile Repairs, Registration, Insurance, and Inspection
- Computer or other Technology
- Dental Care (if needed to help you stay in school)
- And other costs related to school!

## Student Navigators

In addition to helping cover costs related to school, our team includes Student Navigators. Once you are enrolled in HOPE, a Navigator will reach out to see if there is anything you need.

Student Navigators can help when you need a hand with:

- Selecting and registering for classes
- Creating a class schedule that fits with your life
- 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!

CALL Today! 207-551-3331 --

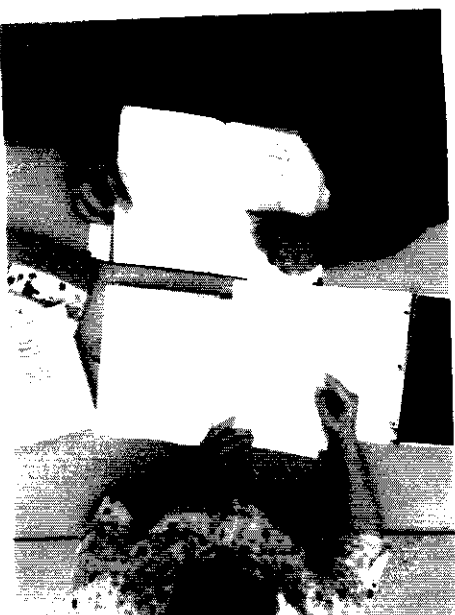
## How Do I Apply?

If you are receiving assistance from another DHHS- Office for Family Independence program, we can start your application over the phone.

Or, you can find an application online at:

[www.maine.gov/dhhs/hope](http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/hope)

Or at your local DHHS office.



Submit completed applications by email, fax, or mail:

HOPE-DHHS-Offices@maine.gov

Fax: (207) 287-3455

DHHS-OFI

HOPE Program

11 State House Station

Augusta, ME 04333

Or, return to your local DHHS office.

# HOPE

Contact us with questions or for more information!

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# HOPE BEGINS HERE

Higher Opportunity for Pathways to Employment (HOPE)



Helping Maine families pursue training and education beyond high school



## What is HOPE?

The HOPE Program will help Maine families pursue training and education beyond high school and achieve their career plans by addressing barriers to success.

HOPE provides financial support to eligible parents for costs related to training and education to help parents enroll in and complete their training or education program.

### Did you know?

By 2020, 80% of jobs in Maine will require more than a high school diploma.

70% of Maine college students 25+ years old are taking care of dependent children.

10% of Maine adults have begun, but not completed, a program of study beyond high school.

Sources: Maine Center for Economic Policy, Maine SPARK, and Maine CWRI.



## Who is Eligible?

You might be eligible if:

- ✓ You are a parent or caretaker relative of a minor child.
- ✓ You are at or below 185% of the Federal Poverty Level. Visit our website to learn what this means for you.
- ✓ You are not receiving a monthly TANF or PaS cash benefit.
- ✓ You are enrolled in or have been accepted to an eligible training or education program that:
  - ✓ Awards a degree or certificate beyond high school.
  - ✓ Is accredited or recognized by trade and industry associations.
  - ✓ Leads to a job with at least 30 or more annual openings. Visit our website to learn what jobs are on this list.
  - ✓ Relates to a healthcare, technology, or engineering field if it is a bachelor's degree program.
- ✓ You are making satisfactory progress and are on track to graduate.

## What Can HOPE Help With?

HOPE may help cover costs associated with going to school.



## Student Navigators

HOPE offers all participants access to Student Navigators. Student Navigators stand ready to assist you on your journey! The support they will offer is based on what you decide you need, and choosing to meet with a Navigator is voluntary.

Call or visit our website for more information and to see if you are eligible  
[www.maine.gov/dhhs/hope](http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/hope)

