

# Washington County Education Services & Job Training Resource Guide

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Educational Attainment Initiative



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County partners including:

- Axiom Education and Training Center
- Community Caring Collaborative
- Maine Community Foundation
- Maine Department of Health & Human Services - ASPIRE
- Maine Department of Labor - CareerCenter
- Mano en Mano
- Sunrise County Economic Council
- University College at Ellsworth
- Wayfinders School - Passages Program

[www.sunrisecounty.org/training/](http://www.sunrisecounty.org/training/)

To access additional resources for Washington County families:

<http://www.maineamilieswc.org/community-resources/>

<p><b><u>Sunrise County Economic Council Sunrise Scholarship Fund</u></b></p> <p>7 Ames Way Machias, ME 04654 Phone: 207-255-0983 x10 Fax: 207-255-4987 <a href="http://sunrisecounty.org/training/sunrise-scholarship-fund/">http://sunrisecounty.org/training/sunrise-scholarship-fund/</a></p> <p>Peter Rensema, Project Manager <a href="mailto:presema@sunrisecounty.org">presema@sunrisecounty.org</a></p>	<p>Provides scholarships up to \$500 for low-to-moderate income Washington County residents attending a training or certificate program that will increase their opportunities for immediate employment or job advancement.</p>
<p><b><u>Sunrise Education Pathways</u></b></p> <p>University of Maine at Machias, 116 O'Brien Avenue, Machias, ME 04654. Phone: 207-255-1264 <a href="http://machias.edu/sunrise-education-pathways">http://machias.edu/sunrise-education-pathways</a></p> <p>Bonnie Fortini, Adult Learner Advisor <a href="mailto:bonnie.fortini@maine.edu">bonnie.fortini@maine.edu</a></p>	<p>Sunrise Education Pathways is a new education collaborative based at the University of Maine at Machias. The purpose of SEP is to provide supported access to career-centered educational opportunities for adults in Washington County.</p>
<p><b><u>University of Maine at Machias</u></b></p> <p>University of Maine at Machias, 116 O'Brien Avenue, Machias, ME 04654. Phone: 207-255-1318 <a href="http://machias.edu/about.html">http://machias.edu/about.html</a></p> <p>Peggy Slicer, Administrative Specialist <a href="mailto:ummadmissions@maine.edu">ummadmissions@maine.edu</a></p>	<p>The University of Maine at Machias is a public liberal arts college that is part of the University of Maine System. UMM offers 11 major areas of study on campus and some of these as distance programs of study. There are certificate programs, associate degrees, and baccalaureate degrees including the Bachelors of College Studies, a self-designed program popular for those with college credits from different institutions. Our curriculum reflects the interaction and inter-connectedness of our human and natural resources of Downeast Maine.</p>
<p><b><u>Washington County Community College</u></b></p> <p>One College Drive Calais, ME 04619 Phone: 207-454-1000 Toll Free: 1-800-210-6932 <a href="http://www.wccc.me.edu/">http://www.wccc.me.edu/</a></p> <p>Cody Ryan, Enrollment Representative <a href="mailto:cryan@wccc.me.edu">cryan@wccc.me.edu</a></p>	<p>Washington County Community College is a community college located in Calais. WCCC offers 20 major areas of study. Certificate, diploma and associate degree programs in high demand technical and career fields are available. WCCC also offers a liberal studies program where you can earn the first two years toward a baccalaureate degree at an affordable price, close to home.</p>
<p><b><u>Washington County Adult and Community Education (Axiom Education &amp; Training Center)</u></b></p> <p>3 Water Street Machias, ME 04630 207-255-4917 Toll Free: 1-866-708-7998 <a href="http://connectwithaxiom.com/training/">http://connectwithaxiom.com/training/</a></p> <p>Jane Blackwood, Director of Educational Services <a href="mailto:classes@connectwithaxiom.com">classes@connectwithaxiom.com</a></p>	<p>Classes available to earn credits toward a high school diploma or preparing for college entrance exams. Also available: GED test center, ESL, Literacy education, and Computer and Digital literacy. Also available is a new program called “College Transitions” – Offering free support for people who may be thinking of taking college courses but are not sure what career path is right for them, or not sure how to apply for school, fill out financial aid forms, or take college entrance exams. Free tutoring is also available for students already enrolled but who may need extra help. Support staff can travel to meet with folks anywhere in the county. Call for more information.</p>

<p><b><u>MCF (Maine Community Foundation) Scholarship Program</u></b></p> <p>245 Maine Street  Ellsworth, ME 04605  Phone: 207-667-9735 x1110  Toll Free: 1-877-700-6800 x1110  Fax: 207-667-0447  <a href="http://www.mainecef.org/Home.aspx">http://www.mainecef.org/Home.aspx</a></p> <p>Liz Fickett, Scholarship Funds Associate  <a href="mailto:efickett@mainecf.org">efickett@mainecf.org</a></p>	<p>Scholarships for Maine residents, both traditional and non-traditional students</p> <p><b><u>Gracie Fund –</u></b>  The Gracie Fund is a student loan repayment program which encourages residents of Washington County, or those who consider Washington County their “home”, to establish roots in the community following completion of their post-secondary education. Students must have earned their degree within five years of applying (deadline July 15). The Gracie Fund fosters community development by helping recipients connect to Washington County through their commitment to a career and community service. Loan repayment awards of \$5,000 will be awarded to up to three individuals each year. These awards may be renewed for up to three years.</p>
<p><b><u>Maine Educational Opportunity Center (MEOC)</u></b></p> <p>Maine Educational Opportunity Center  5713 Chadbourne Hall, Room 314  University of Maine  Orono, Maine 04469-5713  Phone: 1-800-281-3703  <a href="http://meoc.maine.edu/index.php">http://meoc.maine.edu/index.php</a></p> <p>Lori Joy, Advisor  <a href="mailto:Lorinda.stanley@maine.edu">Lorinda.stanley@maine.edu</a></p>	<p>Educational Opportunity Center (MEOC) is a federal education initiative established to promote access to post-secondary education for traditionally under-represented adult populations within the State of Maine. MEOC Advisors coordinate efforts with area agencies to provide information and assistance in completing college admission and financial aid forms. MEOC advisors can assess academic readiness, provide career counseling, and refer individuals to community resources. MEOC is committed to assist any adult wishing to re-enter a formal education setting. Funded to serve traditionally under-represented adults, the majority of MEOC participants are of the first generation in their families to go to college.</p>
<p><b><u>Narraguagus Adult Education</u></b></p> <p>Narraguagus Jr/Sr High School  1611 Main Street  Harrington, ME 04643  Phone: 207-483-2746  <a href="http://msad37.org/nhs/office/home/Adult_Education.html">http://msad37.org/nhs/office/home/Adult_Education.html</a></p> <p>Dawn Stubbs, Secretary  <a href="mailto:Narraguagus@gmail.com">Narraguagus@gmail.com</a></p>	<p>If you are looking to earn your high school diploma, please give us a call. It is our goal to put a diploma in the hands of anyone willing to put in a few extra hours to earn one. You may be closer than you think. Give us a call for a free high school credit analysis. All classes are held at Narraguagus Jr/Sr High School in Harrington. Pre-registration is very important.</p>
<p><b><u>Passages Program</u></b></p> <p>PO Box 555, 79 Washington Street  Camden, ME 04843  Phone: 207-236-3000 ext 100  Machias Phone: 207-255-1468  Fax: 207-236-2505  <a href="http://wayfinderschools.org/">http://wayfinderschools.org/</a></p> <p>Britta Sturks, Admissions Coordinator  <a href="mailto:admissions@wayfinderschools.org">admissions@wayfinderschools.org</a></p>	<p>Passages, one of two core programs at Wayfinder Schools, is a home-based high school diploma program for expecting and parenting teens, age 14 to 20, living in eight Maine counties; Androscoggin, Cumberland, Knox, Lincoln, Sagadahoc, Waldo, Washington and York. Students receive individualized instruction in their own homes and via the internet. Completion of the 24 courses in academics, parenting and life skills results in earning a State of Maine approved diploma.</p>

<p><b><u>Aspire (Additional Support for People In Retraining and Education)</u></b></p> <p>38 Prescott Drive      Lynne Gibson  Machias, ME 04654      Aspire Specialist  Phone: 207-255-2013      <a href="mailto:Lynne.Gibson@maine.gov">Lynne.Gibson@maine.gov</a>  Fax: 207-778-8429</p> <p>392 South Street      Shannon Emery  Calais, ME 04619      Aspire Specialist  Phone: 207-904-3810      <a href="mailto:Shannon.Emery@maine.gov">Shannon.Emery@maine.gov</a>  Fax: 207-778-8429  <a href="http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/ofi/offices/machias.html">http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/ofi/offices/machias.html</a>  <a href="http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/ofi/offices/calais.html">http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/ofi/offices/calais.html</a></p>	<p>This is the DHHS Welfare to Work program for TANF recipients to assist in job training and job preparation.</p>
<p><b><u>CareerCenter -- Maine Department of Labor</u></b></p> <p>53 Prescott Drive, Suite 1  Machias, ME 04654  Phone: 207-255-1900  Toll Free: 1-800-292-8929  Fax: 207-255-4778  <a href="http://mainecareercenter.com/locations/region1/machias">http://mainecareercenter.com/locations/region1/machias</a></p> <p>One College Drive  Calais, ME 04619  Phone: 207-454-7551  Toll Free: 1-800-543-0303  Fax: 207-454-0349  <a href="http://mainecareercenter.com/locations/region1/calais">http://mainecareercenter.com/locations/region1/calais</a></p> <p>Nichole Jamison, CareerCenter Manager  <a href="mailto:Nichole.s.jamison@maine.gov">Nichole.s.jamison@maine.gov</a></p>	<p>The Maine CareerCenter provides a variety of employment and training services at no charge for Maine workers and businesses.</p> <p>It is the place to start when you're looking for your first job, your next job, a better job – or a whole new career. You do not need to be claiming unemployment benefits or be out of work to use our services.</p> <p>CareerCenter staff can help you determine what programs are available to assist you and put you in touch with the best education and training resources in your area.</p>
<p><b><u>Division of Vocational Rehabilitation – ME Department of Labor</u></b></p> <p>53 Prescott Drive, Suite 2  Machias, ME 04654  Phone: 207-255-1926  Toll Free: 1-800-770-7774  Fax: 207-255-3091  <a href="http://www.maine.gov/rehab/offices.shtml">http://www.maine.gov/rehab/offices.shtml</a></p> <p>Tammy J White, Office Associate 2  <a href="mailto:tammy.j.white@maine.gov">tammy.j.white@maine.gov</a></p>	<p>Bureau of Rehabilitation Services works to bring about full access to employment, independence and community integration for people with disabilities.</p>
<p>◆ <a href="http://fafsa.ed.gov">fafsa.ed.gov</a> ◆ <a href="http://Fastweb.com">Fastweb.com</a> ◆ <a href="http://FinAid.org">FinAid.org</a></p>	<p>Online student guides for financial aid for college. Search for scholarships, loans and other direct assistance.</p>
<p><b><u>Finance Authority of Maine (FAME)</u></b></p> <p>5 Community Drive  Augusta, ME 04332  Toll Free: 1-800-228-3734  <a href="http://www.famemaine.com/education@FAMEMaine.com">http://www.famemaine.com/education@FAMEMaine.com</a></p>	<p>FAME works to create quality jobs for Maine people. We help make higher education more accessible and affordable.</p> <p>Resource information for paying for college; searchable scholarship database and more.</p>