

**Higher Opportunity for Pathways to Employment (HOPE) and Parents as Scholars (PaS)** are two statewide workforce development programs offered by the Maine Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) that help parents and specified relatives pursue training and education beyond high school and achieve their career plans.

**Read below to find more information about both programs.**



## Higher Opportunities for Pathways to Employment

### You might be eligible for the HOPE Program if you:

- Are a Maine resident 16 to 64 years old
- Are a parent or specified relative of a minor child who is living with you
- Are a U.S. Citizen or a qualified non-citizen
- Are NOT receiving a TANF cash benefit
- Have been accepted to or are enrolled at least half-time in a qualifying training or education program beyond high school and are making satisfactory progress
- Lack a bachelor's degree marketable in Maine

## Parents as Scholars (PaS)

### You might be eligible for the PaS Program if you:

- Are eligible for a TANF cash benefit
- Are a Maine resident 16 and older
- Are a parent or specified relative of a minor child who is living with you
- Are a U.S. Citizen or non-citizen
- Are attending or accepted into a 2- or 4-year education program beyond high school and are making satisfactory progress
- Lack a bachelor's degree marketable in Maine

## JMG Pathway Navigator Support

### Pathway Navigators help by:

- Helping you develop a Pathway Plan that outlines steps for successful completion of your training or education program
- Connecting you with HOPE or PaS for funding support
- Assisting with the application for financial aid and completion of financial aid forms
- Helping you understand your student bills and fees
- Troubleshooting when you have concerns related to school, career, family, or resources
- And more!



**HOPE or PaS Contact: Email: [JMG.DHHS@maine.gov](mailto:JMG.DHHS@maine.gov) | Phone: 207-620-7180**

**Apply for HOPE: <https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/hope>**

**Apply for PaS: <https://mymaineconnection.gov>**



# HOPE PaS

## Support Services Comparison

Support Service	HOPE	HOPE Limit	PaS	PaS Limit
Monthly Cash Benefit		N/A		Determined by DHHS
Current Tuition & Fees		\$6,000/Annual		\$3,500/Annual
Prior Tuition & Fees		\$1,500/Lifetime	Speak with Fedcap Career Specialist	Determined on case-by-case basis
Child Care		Office of Child & Family Services Market Rate Cap		Office of Child & Family Services Market Rate Cap
Transportation		\$140/Weekly		\$140/Weekly
Books, Supplies, Tools, Equipment		\$2,000/Annual		\$1,000/Annual
Technology & Software		\$500/Lifetime		\$500/Lifetime
Internet		\$50/Monthly	Speak with Fedcap Career Specialist	Determined on case-by-case basis
Vehicle Inspection, Registration, Repair		\$1,000/Annual		\$1,000/Annual
Vehicle Insurance		\$600/Annual		\$600/Annual
Corrective Eyewear		\$200/Annual		\$200/Annual
Dental Care		\$2,000/Lifetime		\$2,000/Lifetime
Other Supports		\$500/Annual		\$500/Annual



FMI on complete HOPE Supports: <https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/hope>  
 FMI on complete PaS Supports: <https://fedcapmaine.org/> or call 1-844-653-0316

*HOPE and PaS supports may be approved when there is an unmet need.*

*The maximum amounts are not guaranteed to be approved.*

