



# Claim Your Future Program Overview

## Financial Aid 101

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# Agenda

- Program Overview
- Learning Objectives and Standards
- Classroom Game Kit
- Digital Version
- Educator Guide
- Recent Enhancements





## About FAME

**The Finance Authority of Maine (FAME)** is a quasi-independent state agency that works to provide financial solutions to help Maine people achieve their business and higher educational goals.



## Program Overview

- **Claim Your Future**® was created to help students explore career pathways, financial decision making, and the future return on investment of post-secondary education and training.
- Can be used with middle and high school students, and beyond.
- Used in every U.S. state and in over 90 countries (over 1 million users).
- 100% free to Maine schools and educational non-profits.





## Program Impact

According to a recent study of 30,000 users conducted by Dr. Carly Urban:

- Students who play Claim Your Future online showed significant improvements in financial knowledge.
- More likely to indicate that planning for the future and budgeting are important.
- Less likely to say they are unsure about their postsecondary training plans.
- Report having plans to attend some type of training and are more likely to say they will go to a four-year school after high school.





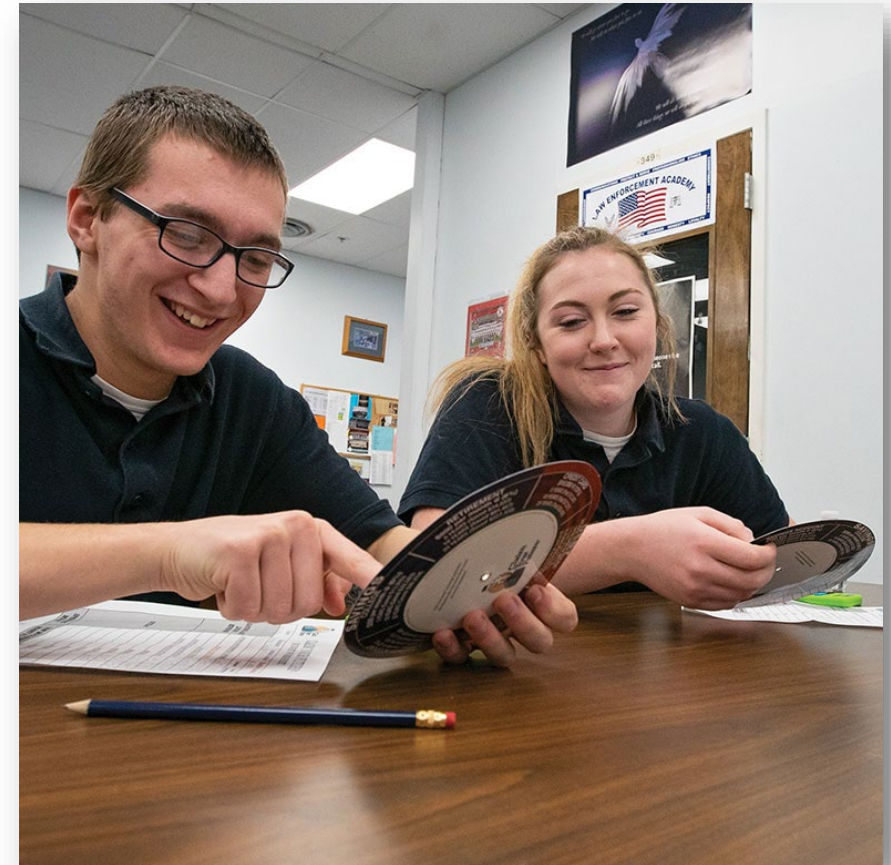
# Learning Objectives & Standards

## Through Claim Your Future, students will:

- Consider the return on investment of future career, education and financial decisions.
- Have conversations about goals and aspirations.
- Describe postsecondary options and identify basic vocabulary associated with college exploration.
- Create a balanced budget.
- Describe benefits of saving.

## Learning Standards:

- Jump\$tart National Standards in K-12 Personal Finance Education.







# Classroom Game Kit

## Each game kit includes:

- 50 unique wheels representing various careers

## Available for download:

- Educator Guide
- Budget worksheets and certificate of completion

## Additional resources:

- Explainer videos and training webinars
- Train the trainer sessions
- Online game assignment

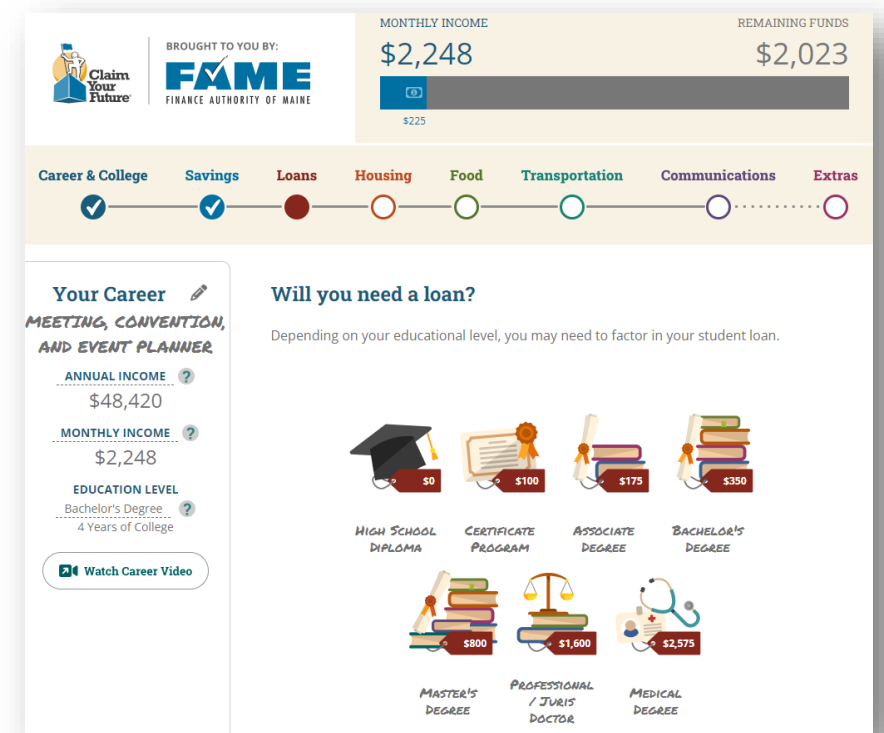




**ClaimYourFuture.org**

## Website includes:

- 126 career options, including descriptions, key vocabulary and various spending options.
- Pre/post assessment.
- Visual representation of money spent.
- Additional resources.
- Printable budget worksheet, certificate of completion.







# Educator Guide

## Guide includes:

- A detailed lesson plan, including learning objectives.
- Game methodology, sources and assumptions.
- Budget worksheet.
- Optional activities and assignments.
- Web-based resources.
- Glossary of terms.



## Educator Guide

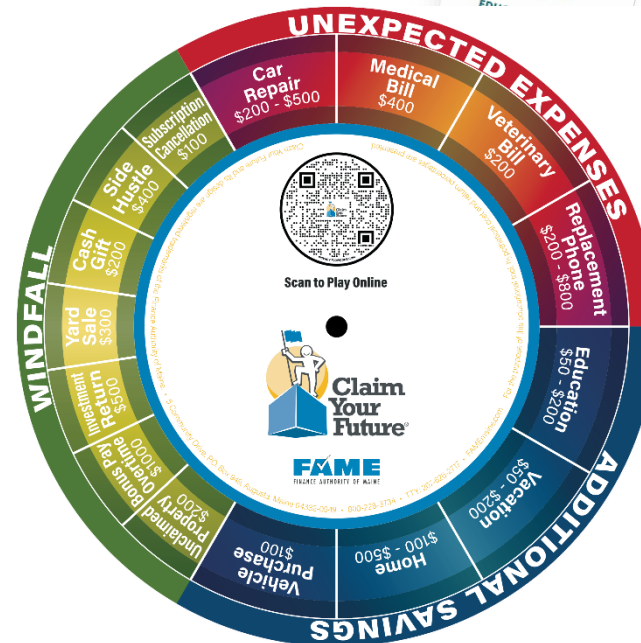


*Helping Students Understand the Return on  
Investment of Education, Future Careers,  
and Financial Decisions*



# Updates and Enhancements

- Updated salary and cost of living data
- Career videos
- Student loan decision category
- Career comparison





# Creative Approaches to Implementation

- Claim Your Future ambassador program
- Jumpstart Teen Teach In - April and October
- Family nights
- Independent projects





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