

My \$500, My Future

FAME Design Your Dream Money Contest

Description: To celebrate April as Financial Literacy Month, and raise awareness of Invest in ME Reads, FAME is offering a “Design Your Dream Money Contest” to students in grades one through six across the state.

When: The contest will be announced to schools on March 24th with a submission period of April 1-30th. Submissions must be mailed to FAME and postmarked between April 1 and April 30th. Submissions cannot be emailed or hand delivered.

Who: All students in grades 1-6 will be eligible to participate. Only one entry per participating student is permitted.

Submissions: Students will create their own \$500 bill using a template created by FAME. Submissions that do not use the provided template will not be considered. All submissions must be 100% the participating student’s own work and no digital or otherwise copyrighted work (i.e. magazine collages, cut and pasted images created by others etc.) is permitted. Submissions deemed to have used work by others will not be considered. Submissions must be mailed to FAME and postmarked between April 1 and April 30th.

Selection Criteria: Winning submissions will be evaluated on following criteria:

- **Theme:** Drawing clearly reflects an understanding of the theme – currency, importance of savings, or connection to the \$500 Alford Grant.
- **Originality and imagination:** Drawing reflects a creative spin on traditional currency by adding unique and imaginative design elements.
- **Composition and artistic quality:** Drawing utilizes entire space and portrays a consideration to elements of design (color, shape, line, texture, etc.)
- **Craftsmanship:** Drawing demonstrates age-appropriate skill, attention to detail, and high caliber of neatness.

Selection Committee: FAME’s Financial Education Team will determine each grade level winner.

Notification: Winners will be announced by FAME to participating school and teacher.

Student Prize: All contest submissions will receive a water bottle sticker from FAME, which will be mailed to the school. One student from each grade level state-wide will be selected as a grand prize winner and will receive a fun pack from FAME which includes a draw string bag with goodies, a printed t-shirt of their money creation, and a \$25 Amazon gift card.

School Prize: Each winning grade-level entry will be entered into a school giveaway. The winning school will receive an Invest in ME Reads event at their school.

Display: Student entries may be displayed on the FAME and/or ASF website and at the FAME office and/or other state offices.

Requirements:

- Template: Students are required to use the money template supplied by FAME.
- Submissions: Each submission must be labeled with student's name, grade, school, and submitting teacher.
- Packaging: DO NOT USE A TUBE to mail or deliver. Work MUST be flat.
- Delivery: Mail the artwork no later than April 30, 2025, to Attn: Mary Dyer, Finance Authority of Maine, PO Box 949, 5 Community Drive, Augusta ME 04332.
- Artwork will not be returned.