

## Postsecondary Enrollment aka "Aspirations Program"

20-A MRSA Ch. 208-A Current statute as amended by  
Public Law 2013 Ch. 368 Part C and Public Law 2013 Ch. 400

Link to statute: <http://www.mainelegislature.org/legis/statutes/20-A/title20-Ach208-Asec0.html>

### Eligible Institutions means institutions of the following:

University of Maine System, Maine Community College System and Maine Maritime Academy  
*Courses at the eligible institutions maybe on-site or on-line.  
Summer semester is limited to 10% of the total appropriation.*

### Eligible Students:

#### **Academic and approval requirements:**

##### **General student requirements:**

- The eligible institution has space available for the secondary student;
- A junior or senior maintaining a minimum secondary school grade of at least 3.0 on a scale of 4.0, or the equivalent of a "B" average;
- The eligible institution has determined that the student has satisfactorily completed any course prerequisites;

The school administrative unit approves; and

The student's parent approves.

##### **Exceptions to General student requirements:**

A secondary school student who does not meet the grade point eligibility requirements, as specified above, is eligible to participate if:

The student is enrolled in grade 11 or higher in the student's school unit;

The student has received a recommendation to take a postsecondary course or courses at an eligible institution from the student's school administration or from a teacher at the student's school following an assessment of the student by the school administration; and

The student has been approved for participation in a course or courses by an eligible institution.

##### **Home schooled student requirements:**

The eligible institution has space available for the secondary home schooled student;

The eligible institution has reviewed requested evidence of the student's academic fitness and gives its approval for the student to take the requested course(s).

#### **Funding, Age and Residency Requirements:**

Eligible students are those secondary school students that are publicly funded students and home-schooled students that are Maine residents.

Secondary students are defined as:

A student who has not reached 20 years of age before the start of the school year. The school year is defined as starting on July 1st and ending on the following June 30th;

Students attending public high schools or is home schooled;

Students attending private high schools paid by the student's resident public school administrative unit;

Secondary aged students not attending high school but taking adult education courses in pursuit of a GED or adult education diploma.

*Note: Excludes any student that has graduated (received diploma) prior to enrollment in the postsecondary course.*

### Allowable credits for funding:

First 6 credit hours each semester by a student in an eligible institution. (50% paid by Dept. of Education)

Up to 12 credits per academic year. (July 1 to June 30)