# Alumni Transition Grant Program

Since 2015, over 70 young people have received ATGP funds Maine's Alumni Transition Grant Program (ATGP) supports eligible alumni of Maine's foster care system with higher education up to the age of 27. ATGP was established by state law and began in 2015. This program provides financial support and assists eligible students to complete postsecondary education and training programs.

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# Apply now and let us help you fund your education & training programs!

#### Program Basics:

- ATGP is awarded on a first-come, first-served basis, to no more than 40 students at one time.
- ATGP funds are awarded only after all other free financial aid and wages are considered.
- ATGP navigators will be provided to every ATGP recipient.

#### Who is eligble?

An eligible recipient must meet all following requirements:

- To be eligible, an individual must be at least 21 years of age, but less than 27 years of age;
- and must have aged out of Maine's foster care system at age 18
- and was enrolled in a postsecondary education program making satisfactory progress when their V9 ended at age 21;
- and has not yet attained their 27th Birthday
- and not yet completed a Bachelor's Degree

#### Recipients of ATGP funds agree to:

- 1. Show proof of enrollment in a postsecondary education undergraduate program.
- 2. Sign relevant release of information.
- 3. Provide grades and progress reports.
- 4. Meet with the ATGP Navigator at least 3 times per semester.
- 5. Provide contact information to the ATGP Navigator.
- 6. Sign a participant agreement each semester.
- 7. Complete a renewal application each semester.
- 8. Complete an exit interview upon graduation.



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## What is a Navigator?



- ATGP Navigators are OCFS Youth Transition Specialists who provide support to students based on the needs that the student identifies.
- Support includes assistance to access both campus-based resources, such as student assistance programs and community-based resources, such as counseling services, when needed

Maine Youth Transition Specialist by District

District 1: Biddeford/ Sanford

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Pam Goodwin - 207-557-4247; pam.goodwin@maine.gov

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