# Alumni Transition Grant Program

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.

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

Program Basics:

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- •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 have:

- Aged out of Maine's foster care system at age 18;
- and exited Maine's Voluntary Extended Care and Support (V9) Agreement at age 21;
  and was enrolled in a postsecondary education program making satisfactory progress
- and was enrolled in a postsécondary education program making satisfactory progress when their V9 ended at age 21;
- and has not yet attained their 27th Birthday.

## 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.

# 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.

