

MAINE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
IRA M. COBE FUND

2011-2012 COBE CONNECTS PROGRAM

This is a partnership with eligible students to support school-sponsored, curriculum-based, educational opportunities during the academic year for which funding is not otherwise available. Maximum award is \$500 and \$250 for class trips, and each applicant is expected to share the cost of the opportunity. Preference is for students who have not received a Cobe Connects award in the current academic year. Eligibility is based on the guidelines on the reverse side of this application. Curriculum-based educational opportunities include but are not limited to: enrollment in an early-college program; participation in class trips (maximum award \$250); purchase of educational supplies; and summer school tuition. Please contact the Maine Community Foundation if you have questions concerning a specific opportunity. Proposals are reviewed once a month and awards will generally be made within thirty days of receipt of the application. Payment will be made to the school sponsoring the program/activity.

➡ Please include with the application, the brochure, flier, or newsletter explaining any field trips or out-of-school experiences for which individual funding is sought.

Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Name: _____ Social Security No. _____

Date of Birth: _____ Resident of Waldo County since: _____

Age: _____ Grade: _____

Address: _____
Street address or P.O. number _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip code: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Program/activity for which aid is requested: _____

(For college-level courses please indicate college, class, credits, course number and if online.) *Pls. include the newsletter or brochure for outside the school programs and all field trips

Dates/Duration of the Program: _____

Guidance Counselor Signature: _____

(Required to authorize enrollment in an early-college program)

School: _____

Street address or P.O. number _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip code: _____

Program/Activity Contact: _____ Phone: _____

Total cost of Opportunity: _____ Amount contributed by student/parent: _____

TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED (\$500 maximum - \$250 for class trips): \$ _____

Note: Cobe Connects will contribute a maximum of 50% of summer school tuition.

I certify that I am a legal resident of Waldo County, Maine, and that all information on this form is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I give my permission for any person listed on this application to be contacted for more information. I certify that I meet the eligibility requirements for the Cobe Connects Program as outlined on the reverse side of this application.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Parent: _____

I certify that _____ meets the eligibility criteria of the Ira M. Cobe Fund as outlined on the reverse side of this application. I also certify that funds awarded will be used for the requested intent and that all unused funds will be returned to the Maine Community Foundation.

Signature of Principal: _____ Date: _____

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2011-2012 Cobe Connects Program
Eligibility and Criteria for Selection**

We welcome applications from students who meet the following Selection Criteria:

- A resident of Waldo County (preferably for at least one year) under the age of 23 in need of financial assistance in meeting the expenses of school-sponsored, educational opportunities with a family income that falls within the following guidelines (federal reduced lunch program):

PLEASE NOTE:

- Preference is for students who have not received a Cobe Connects award in the current academic year.
- The maximum amount available through Cobe Connects is \$500.00 and \$250 for class trips.
- Each student is expected to share the cost of the opportunity.
- Cobe Connects will contribute a maximum of 50% of summer school tuition.

Submit completed applications to:

Cobe Connects Program
Maine Community Foundation
245 Main St.
Ellsworth, ME 04605
Tel: 877-700-6800 ext. 1110 Liz Fickett
efickett@mainecf.org

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**2011-2012 School Year
Income Guidelines
Free and Reduced Price Meals**

	FREE		REDUCED	
	Income		Income	
Family Size (include adults)	Yearly	Monthly	Yearly	Monthly
1	14,157	1,180	20,147	1,679
2	19,123	1,594	27,214	2,268
3	24,089	2,008	34,281	2,857
4	29,055	2,422	41,348	3,446
5	34,021	2,836	48,415	4,035
6	38,987	3,249	55,482	4,624
7	43,953	3,663	62,549	5,213
8	48,919	4,077	69,616	5,802
For each additional family member add:				
	4,966	414	7,067	589