

MAINE COAST SEMESTER



at CHEWONKI

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FINANCIAL AID POLICY

The financial aid program at Maine Coast Semester provides qualified students with an opportunity that might otherwise be unavailable to them. It is also designed to help create a well-rounded student body reflecting a broad social and economic mix. We do not want a family's ability to pay full tuition to be a deciding factor in whether or not an outstanding student may attend our school. For families with demonstrated need, we are eager to share in the cost of education to the best of our ability..

ACCREDITATION

Maine Coast Semester at Chewonki is accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges and approved by the State of Maine Department of Education.



ADMINISTRATION

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Head of Semester School

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FINANCIAL AID

Information for prospective students and families
2020 - 2021

GENERAL INFORMATION

Maine Coast Semester practices need blind admissions with the goal that no student who has applied and been accepted by Maine Coast Semester at Chewonki is prevented from attending based upon financial need. The average award for the 2019-2020 academic year was over \$16,000 and approximately thirty-six percent of students received financial aid. Financial aid does not include the cost of travel to and from campus or the required \$350 needed to establish a student account to cover the cost of incidentals, laptop insurance and spending money. Every student is given a Lenovo Chromebook for their personal and academic use through the semester.

COST OF TUITION

The cost of tuition, room, board, and books for the 2019-2020 academic year was \$31,000 per semester.

WHO MAY APPLY FOR FINANCIAL AID?

Any student may apply for need-based aid. All financial aid is awarded in grant form and is not repaid. Some sending schools have a policy of contributing a student's financial aid award to Maine Coast Semester's tuition. Families are strongly encouraged to speak with their sending school about their financial aid policy.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Maine Coast Semester relies on the system and forms developed by the School and Student Services (SSS) for financial aid. A family that intends to apply for financial aid should fill out a Parents' Financial Statement (PFS) online at solutions-bysss.com. In addition to the PFS, parents must submit their most recent W-2 or 1099 forms as well as their 2018 tax return, including all schedules. Parents may be asked for the 2019 federal tax return, including all schedules. The completed PFS along with the required tax forms should be submitted to SSS by the priority deadline, February 17, 2020 for a student to be considered for financial aid. If the student is currently receiving financial aid at their sending school, please submit a copy of the most recent award letter directly to our office.

APPLICATION TIMELINE

December/January	Inquire about financial aid and begin the application online at sss.nais.org
February 17	Maine Coast Semester admissions applications due (submit online at mainecoastsemester.org)
February 17	Financial aid applications due (submit online at solutionsbysss.com)
By April 1	Admissions decisions, including financial awards, mailed to families

For more information, please contact the Maine Coast Semester admissions office at 207-882-7323 or visit our website at mainecoastsemester.org.