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let's all look forward
to the future



The Alford Grant is a \$500 Grant invested for Maine children for their education after high school. The Grant is a great way to help families begin to prepare, at the very start of a child's life, for higher education. It is a gift to Maine children from Maine businessman and philanthropist Harold Alford.

Who has an Alford Grant? Beginning in 2013, all babies born to Maine residents are awarded a \$500 Alford Grant. By the beginning of 2022, the Alford Scholarship Foundation has invested over \$64 million for more than 128,000 Maine children. Is your child one of them? The Alford Grant was also available on a more limited basis from 2008-2012. Visit www.MyAlfordGrant.org to learn more.

How does it work?

- The non-profit Alford Scholarship Foundation (ASF) invests the \$500 Alford Grant for all eligible Maine babies.
- The funds are invested in an account owned by the Alford Scholarship Foundation. Since the \$500 Alford Grant is invested at an early age, it has at least 18 years to have the potential to grow.
- The Alford Grant can be used for tuition at colleges and universities, community colleges and many career or trade schools. It can even be used for room and board, books and computers.
- When families want to make their own contributions, they will need to open their own account. NextGen 529[®] is Maine's 529 plan, which many families use to save for education after high school. To learn more or open your own account, visit NextGenforME.com.

What can parents do?

The MyAlfordGrant website offers information, tips and resources for kids and parents! Visit our website, www.MyAlfordGrant.org, to:

- Check your child's Grant value – the value changes over time!
- Update your contact information
- Create a MyPlan to help your child succeed
- Share a story about your family or your child
- Find information to help your child on their path to a bright future

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