Your Grant-Ready Checklist



Your child's future is already looking bright thanks to the $500 Alfond Grant. Now that they are in high school, follow these easy steps to make sure their money is ready when they are. myalfondgrant.org/grantready

✓ **First, find out if your student has an Alfond Grant.** If they do and were born between 2008-2012, it means a NextGen 529® account—Maine's education savings plan—was opened in their name.*

✓ **Next, log into your NextGen 529 account to see how much is available for your child's higher education.** This includes the Alfond Grant (which may have changed over time), any money your family has added, and any extra grants you may have earned as a Maine resident.

You may have a Direct, Connect or Select series account (most families have a Direct or Connect series unless they used a financial advisor.)

❑ Connect Account	❑ Direct Account	❑ Select Account
Manage your account at **connect.vestwell.com**	Manage your account at **merrilledge.com**	Connect with your **financial advisor**

Account #:_____ User Name: _____ Password:_____

Don't share your login info, and keep it somewhere only you can find it.

✓ **Finally, make sure your contact information is up-to-date in your NextGen 529 account.** Current contact information is required to access your funds—and the process will be much smoother if this is done well before you request them!

For more information, visit myalfondgrant.org/grantready

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* If your child was born a Maine resident in 2013 or later, they received the grant automatically–but may not have a NextGen 529 account. Because funds cannot be added directly to the Alfond Grant, opening a NextGen 529 account is how families can build on that $500 jumpstart.

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