

# Claim Your Future®

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# **Agenda**

- Program Overview
- Learning objectives and standards
- Classroom game kit
- Educator's guide
- Game procedures
- Additional resources
- ClaimYourFuture.com







## **Overview**

- Created by FAME, Claim Your Future® is a game that encourages students to explore education after high school, future careers, and money management
- Available both as a classroombased game, and online
- Free game kits are available to all Maine middle schools









# **Learning Objectives**

### Students will be able to:

- Have conversations about their goals and aspirations
- Examine assumptions re: education, careers, and money
- Link today's educational and spending choices to future job options and financial stability
- Describe postsecondary options and identify basic vocabulary associated with college exploration
- Create a balanced budget
- Explain how small expenses can add up
- Distinguish between wants and needs
- Describe benefits of saving





# **Learning Standards**

- Maine's Learning Results: Parameters for Essential Instruction
  - <u>Social Studies, Standard C. Economics</u>: Students draw on concepts and processes from economics to understand issues of personal finance and issues of production, distribution, and consumption in the community, Maine, the United States, and world.
  - Career and Education Development, Standard B. Learning and Exploring Education and Career and Life Roles: Students identify, demonstrate, analyze, and evaluate: An understanding of the relationship between education and work, especially how learning new skills and educational achievement lead to increased work options and success with personal career and life goals; and the ability to identify and use education and career information for lifelong learning to achieve success.
- Jump\$tart National Standards in K-12 Personal Finance Education



## Classroom Game Kit

## Each game kit includes:

- 50 unique wheels representing various careers
- 150 student reward stickers
- Available for download:
  - Educator's Guide
  - Budget worksheets
  - Certificate of completion







## **Educator's Guide**

- Available at ClaimYourFuture.com
- Guide includes:
  - A detailed lesson plan, including learning objectives
  - Game methodology, sources and assumptions
  - Budget worksheet
  - Optional activities and assignments
  - Web-based resources
  - Glossary of terms



#### **Educator's Guide**

The Finance Authority of Maine (FAME) is committed to promoting access to and completion of postsecondary education by providing free information on planning and paying for college, career preparation and financial education, including responsible borrowing. This educator's guide was designed to enable you to use FAME's Claim Your Future® game in your classroom as a stand-alone lesson, or as part of a larger unit.

#### Introduction

#### This Guide Includ

- A detailed lesson plan, including learning objectives
- Game methodology, sources and assumptions
- Budget worksheet
  Optional activities
- Web-based resources
- Claim Your Future (formerly Get a Life) is an interactive game that encourages middle school students to explore career and college options, money management, including budgeting and wants vs. needs, and the impact of
- When playing this game in the classroom, each student is randomly assigned an individual game wheel representing a specific career, college degree, and monthly salary. Students are instructed to make spending decisions and calculate their monthly budget.
- Through this process, students learn that higher education leads to higher paying jobs, which all leads to a financially stable future.
- For additional questions or to schedule a Claim Your Future session at your school, visit ClaimYourFuture.com, or contact:

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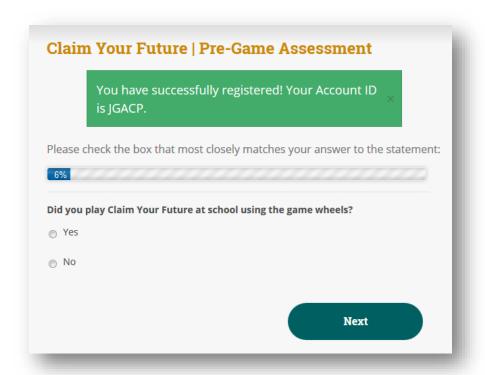
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## **Game Procedures**

- Pre-assessment
- Career and future goals discussion
- Activity overview

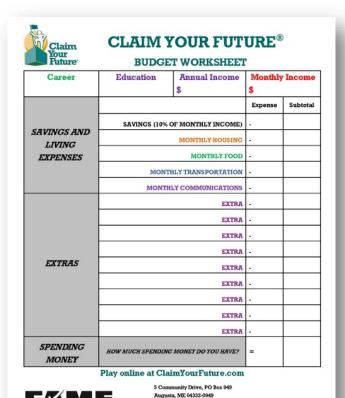






## **Game Procedures**

- Randomly assign wheels and explain important elements
- Review budget worksheet
- Complete budget activity
- Reflection
- Post-assessment



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# Optional Debt and Savings Activity

## Using back of wheel, discuss:

- Various savings options
  - Emergency savings
  - Types of savings traditional savings account vs. college savings
- Types of debt
  - Student loans, credit card
  - Minimum payment trap
- Concept of interest paid and earned
- Importance of saving
- Impact of debt







## ClaimYourFuture.com

## Website includes:

- 125 career options, including descriptions, key vocabulary and various spending options
- Visual representation of money spent
- Additional resources
- Printable budget worksheet, certificate of completion





## **Additional Resources**

- Printable budget worksheet
- Certificate of completion



- Online resources
  - FAME-education.com
  - www.knowhow2go.org
  - CareerOnestop
  - www.petersons.com
  - College for ME-Androscoggin
  - www.collegenavigator.gov
  - Jumpstart.org





## **Questions?**

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