

Four decades of success stories. The next one could be yours. Tuition-free training throughout Maine to help you reach your goals.

Newventuresmaine.org

Build your confidence, learn new skills, and make valuable connections!

Making changes in your life is exciting, important, and often challenging. New Ventures Maine (NVME) believes in you. No matter who you are, what you have been through, or where you want to go, New Ventures Maine is here to support you as you turn challenges into opportunities.

For forty years, New Ventures Maine has been offering an empowering environment in which Mainers can define and achieve their goals. Through classes and individual coaching, we help people find good jobs, further their education, launch new businesses and build their assets.

Start a business. Return to school. Build a career. Manage your money.

Graduates of NVME's programs have gone on to reach all kinds of personal, work, and financial goals.

Our programs are all tuition-free. We have nine locations serving 16 counties, plus convenient online training options.

"New Ventures Maine is a cheerleader for folks who need an extra push to awaken the potential within them."

Start a Business

NVME helps entrepreneurs start strong. Through our business planning classes and individual advising, you can learn about marketing, financials, and management, and create a plan to start or expand your business. Marketing mini-grants are available to help with promotion.

Classes include:

- Introduction to Self-Employment
- Business Basics
- Venturing Forth: Business Planning for Entrepreneurs

"I had an idea taking shape in my head and a fire burning inside me, but I didn't know how to get from here to there. A friend directed me to NVME, and I enrolled in the Venturing Forth class. Now I am fully engaged in executing my business plan."

Build a Career

Want to find out how to go back for training, land a new job, or explore a new industry? NVME's career classes and individual coaching will help you choose a career path, access resources, create an action plan, and stay motivated.

Classes include:

- Building Confidence
- Exploring Careers
- Job Search Success

- My Next Career Move*

*Graduates of My Next Career Move are eligible to apply for a GEN Scholarship to be used at any University of Maine at Augusta location.

“At first, it was intimidating starting out in my 30’s. Now, I realize that I can do these things even though I was unsure before I tried them. I am so thankful there are organizations like NVME.”

Manage Your Money

NVME’s classes and individual coaching help you manage your resources and prepare for the future: learn to budget, repair your credit, and create a personal financial plan. We offer free tax filing assistance in partnership with CA\$H Maine.

Classes include:

- Budgeting Basics
- Clean Up Your Credit
- Your Money Personality
- My Money Works

Matched Savings Program

Ready to save? NVME’s matched saving programs help individuals save for the future while participating in financial education, coaching, and goal setting. Your savings are matched to cover emergencies and other goals, like vehicle purchase and home ownership.

“As parents, one of our priorities is attaining financial security. This class taught us to budget, reduce debt, and stretch our income.”

Other Partners and Programs

In collaboration with Maine’s Career and Technical Education Centers and Community Colleges, NVME coordinates Totally Trades! Conferences across the state. The conferences offer hands-on opportunities for middle and high school girls to explore careers in trade and technical fields.

New Ventures Maine is a proud member of MaineSpark’s Adult Promise, New Opportunities, and Future Success tracks. Learn more about MaineSpark’s goal for Maine families at mainespark.me.

We take pride in serving as a trusted partner on your journey. Visit newventuresmaine.org or call us at 1-800-442-2092 or at a regional center to take the next step towards success.

Augusta: 621-3434

Bangor: 262-7842

Brunswick: 386-1664

Lewiston: 753-6622

Farmington: 778-2757

Presque Isle: 768-9635

Rockland: 593-7942

Saco: 286-1722
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FAQ'S

How do I get help?

You may call the office nearest you to learn more about our programs. You can also find all of our upcoming tuition-free workshops and training [here](#).

Is there a fee for your services?

New Ventures Maine (NVME)'s programs are offered free of charge. Our services are supported by a mix of public and private funders including donations from individuals, corporations, and foundations.

How do I know if I am eligible?

All Maine adults are welcome to participate in our programs. We do not have income guidelines; we may give priority to individuals with limited resources. We administer matched savings programs that have income guidelines and other eligibility requirements.

How many people are in your classes?

Class size varies from 5 – 25 depending on the topic, location, or time of day or year. Some classes have limited enrollment (Venturing Forth is limited to 15) and others are limited by space. Classes are open to all adults.

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