

**MAINE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION  
IRA M. COBE FUND**

**2009-2010 COBE CONNECTS PROGRAM**

This is a partnership with eligible students to support school-sponsored, curriculum-based, educational opportunities during the academic year for which funding is not otherwise available. Maximum award is \$500 and \$250 for class trips, and each applicant is expected to share the cost of the opportunity. Preference is for students who have not received a Cobe Connects award in the current academic year. Eligibility is based on the guidelines on the reverse side of this application. Curriculum-based educational opportunities include but are not limited to: enrollment in an early-college program; participation in class trips (maximum award \$250); purchase of educational supplies; and summer school tuition. Please contact the Maine Community Foundation if you have questions concerning a specific opportunity. Proposals are reviewed once a month and awards will generally be made within thirty days of receipt of the application. Payment will be made to the school sponsoring the program/activity.

**Incomplete applications will not be considered.**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Social Security No.** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date of Birth:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Resident of Waldo County since:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Age:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Grade:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:**

Street address or P.O. number \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**Program/activity for which aid is requested:** \_\_\_\_\_

(For college-level courses please indicate college, class, course number and if online.)

**Dates/Duration of the Program:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Guidance Counselor Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

(Required to authorize enrollment in an early-college program)

**School:** \_\_\_\_\_

Street address or P.O. number \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code: \_\_\_\_\_

**Program/Activity Contact:** \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Total cost of Opportunity:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Amount contributed by student/parent:** \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED (\$500 maximum - \$250 for class trips):**                    \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Note: Cobe Connects will contribute a maximum of 50% of summer school tuition.

I certify that I am a legal resident of Waldo County, Maine, and that all information on this form is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I give my permission for any person listed on this application to be contacted for more information. I certify that I meet the eligibility requirements for the Cobe Connects Program as outlined on the reverse side of this application.

Signature of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent: \_\_\_\_\_

I certify that \_\_\_\_\_ meets the eligibility criteria of the Ira M. Cobe Fund as outlined on the reverse side of this application. I also certify that funds awarded will be used for the requested intent and that all unused funds will be returned to the Maine Community Foundation.

**Signature of Principal:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

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Eligibility and Criteria for Selection**

We welcome applications from students who meet the following Selection Criteria:

- A resident of Waldo County (preferably for at least one year) under the age of 23 in need of financial assistance in meeting the expenses of school-sponsored, educational opportunities with a family income that falls within the following guidelines (federal reduced lunch program):

Household size	<i>Annual income</i>
1	\$20,036
2	\$26,955
3	\$33,874
4	\$40,793
5	\$47,712
6	\$54,631
7	\$61,550
8	\$68,469
For each additional family member add	\$ 6,919

**PLEASE NOTE:**

- Preference is for students who have not received a Cobe Connects award in the current academic year.
- The maximum amount available through Cobe Connects is \$500.00 and \$250 for class trips.
- Each student is expected to share the cost of the opportunity.
- Cobe Connects will contribute a maximum of 50% of summer school tuition.

Submit completed applications to:

Cobe Connects Program  
Maine Community Foundation  
245 Main St.  
Ellsworth, ME 04605  
Tel: 877-700-6800 (toll free)  
[www.mainecef.org](http://www.mainecef.org)

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