

# FORT KIDS FIRST • FUTURE COLLEGE PLAN

Every Fort Fairfield Kindergartener should have a college savings account. That's why the Town of Fort Fairfield created Fort Kids First • Future College Plan. The parent or guardian of any Fort Fairfield resident child attending Kindergarten in the fall of 2011 may receive \$50 to open a NextGen College Investing Plan® account.



## \$50 KINDERGARTEN SCHOLARSHIP

It's as easy as 1 - 2 - 3

1. Complete a NextGen Account Application to open your NextGen account for the benefit of your kindergartener. You may obtain a NextGen Account Application by contacting your financial advisor or FAME at 800-228-3434. You may also open your NextGen account online through FAMEmaine.com.
2. Bring the completed Scholarship Voucher (attached below) along with evidence of a completed NextGen Account Application (if you are opening a new NextGen account) to the Fort Fairfield Town Office. The Treasurer's Office will mail you a check made payable to NextGen for the benefit of your eligible child. (Please allow 5 to 10 Business Days)
3. Mail the completed NextGen Account Application with the scholarship check to the Finance Authority of Maine. If you already have a NextGen account opened for your kindergartener, enter your account number in the space provided on the Voucher and the Treasurer's Office will mail the \$50 check directly to FAME for deposit into the NextGen account.

*Vouchers issued in 2011 for kindergarteners must be redeemed on or before June 30, 2012.*

## \$50 FORT KIDS FIRST KINDERGARTEN SCHOLARSHIP VOUCHER

I am the parent or legal guardian for:		Youth Name (First Middle Last)	Youth Date of Birth
Parent/Legal Guardian Name (First Middle Last)		Daytime Phone Number	
Mailing Address		Email Address	
City, State Zip		NextGen account number (if you have an account for the eligible youth)	
I have read the Guidelines and accept the terms and conditions required to receive the Fort Kids First Scholarship. I certify the youth name herein is a resident of Fort Fairfield.			For official use Application filled in? Y N      Initials _____
Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian		Date:	

# FORT KIDS FIRST SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES

**Fort Fairfield Quality of Place Council (QPC):** The QPC believes that the cost of attending college continues to rise and financial realities may pose a formidable barrier to attaining postsecondary educational goals. The QPC has implemented a new strategy intended to promote the habit of investing for postsecondary education.

**Fort Kids First Kindergarten Scholarship:** To achieve the objective of the QPC, the NextGen College Investing Plan® (NextGen®) has been selected as the investment vehicle for the Scholarship Program. The Fort Fairfield Education Fund will provide a one-time \$50 scholarship into a NextGen account naming the Fort Fairfield resident child as account beneficiary. The scholarship can be used as the initial contribution to open a NextGen account for the benefit of the Fort Fairfield kindergartener or as a contribution into an existing NextGen account naming the Fort Fairfield kindergartener as account beneficiary.

**To qualify:** The youth must be a resident of Fort Fairfield and entering kindergarten in the fall of 2011. Vouchers issued in 2011 for kindergartners must be redeemed on or before June 30, 2012. Only one scholarship will be awarded per eligible youth.

**Scholarship Awards:** A Fort Kids First Kindergarten Scholarship voucher will be provided to the parent or guardian, entitling the kindergartener to receive a \$50 scholarship, for deposit into a NextGen account naming the eligible youth as the NextGen Account beneficiary. To redeem the voucher, the parent or guardian must hand deliver the completed voucher along with evidence of a completed NextGen Account Application, to the Fort Fairfield Town Office.

**To use the scholarship to open a NextGen account for the eligible youth:** Bring in the completed voucher and evidence of a completed NextGen Account Application to the Fort Fairfield Town Office. The Treasurer's Office will prepare a check made payable to "NextGen FBO [beneficiary name]" and deliver the check to the parent or guardian. The completed NextGen Account Application with the scholarship check must be submitted by the parent or guardian to FAME for processing. (If you open your new account online, see the next section.)

**To use the scholarship for an existing NextGen account for the eligible youth:** If you already have a NextGen account for the eligible youth or you opened your new NextGen account online, bring the completed voucher with your NextGen account number to the Fort Fairfield Town Office. The Treasurer's Office will prepare a check made payable to "NextGen FBO [beneficiary name]" and mail the check to FAME for processing into your account.

**Opening a NextGen Account:** Opening a NextGen account is subject to acceptance of the NextGen Account Application by the NextGen Program Manager (Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated), including verification of identity and other information in compliance with the requirements of the USA PATRIOT Act and other applicable law. Recipients of the Fort Kids First Kindergarten Scholarship may be entitled to receive NextGen grants, including a \$200 Initial Matching Grant. Please read the NextGen Grant Program Terms and Conditions for other requirements and restrictions that may apply.

**To obtain a NextGen Account Application:** Visit your financial advisor; call FAME at 800-228-3734 to have enrollment materials mailed to you; enroll online; or download enrollment materials at [www.FAMEmaine.com/NextGen](http://www.FAMEmaine.com/NextGen). NextGen offers the Client Direct Series for self directed investors and the Client Select Series for investors who want the assistance of a financial advisor. For more information about NextGen visit [www.FAMEmaine.com/NextGen](http://www.FAMEmaine.com/NextGen).

**Investing of Scholarship Funds:** The Fort Kids First Kindergarten Scholarship will be invested into the NextGen Portfolio(s) selected by the NextGen account owner. All contributions made into the NextGen Account are subject to the terms and conditions of the NextGen Program Description and any Supplements. Please remember there is always the potential of losing money when you invest in securities.

**Tax Consequences:** Grant awards have been designed so that the grant, including any earnings, used for certain qualified higher education expenses will be treated as a scholarship as defined by the Internal Revenue Code. Grants can be used for tuition, fees, certain room and board expenses, books, supplies and certain equipment. However, any portion of grants used as payment for room and board costs may be subject to federal and/or state income tax. Similarly, any portion of grant awards used to pay for qualified higher education expenses at schools not eligible for Title IV may not be eligible for federal and/or state tax-exempt treatment. Notwithstanding the design of the grant programs, the Internal Revenue Service could take the position that grant awards are subject to federal income taxation in the year the grant is awarded or the year in which the funds are withdrawn. NextGen account owners and beneficiaries should consult their own tax advisor regarding the tax treatment of grant funds awarded.

**Privacy:** The Town of Fort Fairfield reserves the right to make the name of scholarship recipients and the parents or guardians available to the public. No other personally identifying information will be made available to the public. Please also read the privacy policy in the NextGen Program Description.

*NextGen is a Section 529 plan administered by the Finance Authority of Maine (FAME). Before you invest in NextGen, request a NextGen Program Description from your Maine bank or financial advisor, or call FAME at 1-800-228-3734 and read it carefully. The Program Description contains more complete information, including investment objectives, charges, expenses and risks of investing in NextGen, which you should carefully consider before investing. You also should consider whether your home state or your designated beneficiary's home state offers any state tax or other benefits that are only available for investments in such state's 529 plan. Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated, a registered broker-dealer, member SIPC, is the program manager and underwriter.*

## \$50 FOR YOUR CHILD'S FUTURE

### Return completed Voucher to:

Fort Fairfield Town Office  
18 Community Center Drive  
Fort Fairfield, ME 04742

(207) 472-3800  
(207) 472-3810 fax City Hall

### Mail NextGen Account Application and/or Check to:

Finance Authority of Maine  
PO Box 949  
Augusta, ME 04332  
[www.FAMEmaine.com](http://www.FAMEmaine.com)  
800-228-3734  
[NextGen@famemaine.com](mailto:NextGen@famemaine.com)



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