

## Maine Whitewater Rafting Guide Testing & License Reimbursement

Financial Requirements to become a Maine Whitewater Rafting Guide:

\$100	Application fee (non-refundable; must have completed runs & training prior to application/exam)
Up to \$121	American Heart Association or American Red Cross Adult and Pediatric CPR/First Aid/AED training ( <i>must be blended learning course that fulfills regulatory/OSHA requirements</i> )
\$89	Fee for 3-year whitewater rafting guide license
<b>\$310</b>	<b>TOTAL reimbursement allotment</b>

- Reimbursement is available for:
  - Application fee
  - Adult & Pediatric CPR/First Aid/AED training
  - Guide License Fee
- **This reimbursement does NOT cover the cost of whitewater rafting training (approx \$300-\$400).**
- Available to any Maine resident aged 17-24 who: 1) completes their Whitewater Rafting Training + Exam and gains their Whitewater Rafting Guide License within the 2025 calendar year, 2) completes the MTA/TourismforME online training modules provided through the Maine Community College System, 3) is a high school graduate or has earned their HiSET or GED certificate.
- **Applicants will NOT be eligible for reimbursement if they do not gain CPR/First Aid/AED certification or fail the whitewater certification exam (must pass both to get reimbursed).**
- **No applicant will be reimbursed for more than \$310.**
- **Reimbursement is available to individuals only (not to organizations or businesses).**
- **To receive full reimbursement, applicants must also complete the Google Form application and provide all documentation & receipts. Dates on these documents must be within the 2025 calendar year.**
  - When mailing in your initial application and fee (\$100), you must request that Maine DIFW provide you with a paper receipt.
  - You must obtain a receipt of your Adult & Pediatric CPR/First Aid/AED training payment and a printed/paper record of your certification (containing your name and completion date).
  - You will be notified at the time of your exam if you passed or failed. You are required to pay the \$89 Guide License fee at that time. They will then provide you with a paper receipt. You will also be given a certificate with your name, address, your Whitewater Guide license number.
- When providing receipts & documentation, applicants can do one of the following:
  1. Email a photograph or scanned PDF file containing images of your **Driver's License, HS diploma or GED/HiSET certificate, Whitewater Guide certificate, Adult & Pediatric CPR/First Aid/AED Certificate, and the three receipts (application fee, CPR/FA/AED training cost, Whitewater Guide license fee)** to [workforce@mainetourism.com](mailto:workforce@mainetourism.com).
  2. Mail paper copies (NOT originals) of all documents to:
 

**Maine Tourism Association  
TourismforME License Reimbursement  
327 Water St.  
Hallowell, ME 04347**
  3. Make an appointment to bring your paper originals to our offices.
- **Once we have received all the documentation and confirmed your license with Maine DIFW, we will confirm that you have also completed the MTA/TourismforME online training modules.** If you have done so, we will mail your reimbursement check to the address provided on your reimbursement application. Your check should be mailed within 1-3 weeks of MTA/TourismforME receiving your documentation. You will not receive a check unless you have fulfilled all the requirements.