



MAKE Education Happen Fund FAQs

The MAKE Education Happen Fund was established in 2016 through the very generous contribution of long-time Michigan Maritime Museum patrons. These individuals initiated the MAKE Education Happen Fund to honor their children and grandchildren by giving the gift of place-based learning to students who may not otherwise have the opportunity. The overall goal of the program is to help disadvantaged schools visit the Museum and to take advantage of all it can offer students. MAKE is a competitive funding opportunity and our ambition is to fund as many schools as we can each year up to our annual limit. This grant program can match up to 50% of the costs for a field trip.

How do I apply?

1. Please first contact the Michigan Maritime Museum, at 269-637-8078 or education@mimaritime.org to find out about available field trip dates.
2. Then send in your application either online or fill out the sheet below.

Who is eligible to apply?

Any public or private school accredited by the State of Michigan is eligible to apply. Priority will be given to schools with the most financial need.

What will MAKE funds cover?

MAKE funds will cover up to 50% of field trip costs charged by the Michigan Maritime Museum and also bus costs. MAKE funds will not cover school supplies, salaries, or any food costs.

What is the minimum and maximum amounts that MAKE will fund?

Total visit cost must be \$300 or more to be considered for MAKE funding. MAKE funds will not exceed a total of \$1500 per school per calendar year.

How does a school apply for MAKE funds?

Contact the Michigan Maritime Museum to discuss available educational programs, costs, and available dates. Complete and submit the MAKE application.

Does MAKE apply to any educational program at the Museum?

Yes. MAKE applies to all Museum educational programs on and off the water. To learn about what program the Museum has to offer, see the Museum's education website or contact the Museum.

When do schools usually visit the Museum?

Any time of year when the Museum is open depending on the program desired by your school. For on-water programs, boats are generally available mid-May to Early June and late August to October. Summer programs are also an option. Please contact the Michigan Maritime Museum at (269) 637-8078 for information about scheduling.

What is required for the grant?

1. If approved, the school MUST use the funds for the predetermined date and group within the current or following school year unless otherwise specified.
2. Each class is required to write a follow-up and/or thank you to the MAKE Education Happen Fund within four weeks of their visit.

How long do we wait to find out if we have been awarded the grant?

The MAKE grant panel tries to process applications as quickly as possible. It may take up to four weeks from when the panel receives the application before notification. You will be notified when your grant application has been received and whether you have been awarded the funds.