



New Ventures Maine invites you to join us as a sponsor of one or more of our annual Trades for ME (formerly Totally Trades) conferences, an opportunity for girls and gender-expansive youth in Maine to explore careers in trades, technology, and other non-traditional fields.

Trades for ME conferences will be held in the Fall of 2023 in Presque Isle, Waterville, Farmington and Dexter and in the Spring of 2024 (tentative locations: Bath, Lewiston, Calais and Westbrook).

At Trades for ME, hundreds of girls in grades 8 through 12 from across Maine get direct experience in high-wage careers. They meet role models and mentors working in industries that are underrepresented by women and connect with career opportunities in their county and around the state. Girls choose two workshops to attend, most with a hands-on activity.

Conference workshops have included heavy equipment operation, computer electronics, carpentry, welding, and other topics. Whether it's getting in the driver's seat of dump trucks and pavers, building a tool box, or learning about wind power, the girls go home with a one-of-a-kind experience and inspiration for their future careers.

Girls report on their Trades for ME experiences:

- "I got to learn and experiment with so much stuff today. I was so happy to visit and learned a lot."
- "It got me out of my comfort zone!"
- "It was amazing and so much fun and got me interested in doing jobs I would never think of. It was definitely a great experience."

Sponsors are critical to New Ventures Maine's success. Community funding supports event transportation, food/lunch, and chaperones for this outstanding no-cost opportunity and enables us to provide quality programs and services to girls across the state.

Join us in creating exciting career opportunities for the next generation of Maine youth!



Trades for ME Sponsorship Levels

Sustainer: \$5,000 and above

Provides support for all Trades for ME conferences (8) for one year, statewide

- Logo on promotion materials, such as bags or t-shirts for all participants (approximately 800)
- Logo on tradesforme.org website and conference materials
- Inclusion in press releases and social media posts
- Recognition in person at conferences

Investor: \$2,000 to \$4,999

Provides support for multiple Trades for ME conferences (4 to 6), including food and promotions

- Logo on tradesforme.org website and regional conference materials
- Inclusion in regional press release(s) and social media posts
- Recognition in person at conferences

Supporter: \$500 to \$1,999

Provides support for up to two (2) Trades for ME conferences to include food, promotional materials and/or activity supplies

- Logo on tradesforme.org website
- Listing on regional conference materials
- Acknowledgement at conference

Contributor: \$100 to \$499

Provides support for snacks or activity supplies at one Trades for ME conference

- Listing on regional conference materials
- Acknowledgement at conference



Trades for ME Sponsorship Form

Name of Business/Organization: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City, State, Zip _____

Contact Person: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

We would like to sponsor Trades for ME at the following level (see details on the following page):

_____ Sustainer	(\$5,000 and above)	_____ Supporter	(\$500 - \$1,999)
_____ Investor	(\$2,000 - \$4,999)	_____ Contributor	(\$100 - \$499)

We would like to sponsor these conferences, specifically:

Fall 2023

_____ Presque Isle

_____ Waterville

_____ Farmington

_____ Dexter

Spring 2024 (tentative locations)

_____ Bath

_____ Lewiston

_____ Calais

_____ Westbrook

There are three (3) ways to pay for sponsorship: by check, credit card, or online. Please see details below and choose one.

1) _____ Our check is enclosed: Please make check payable to New Ventures Maine and **return to New Ventures Maine**, c/o _____, 46 University Drive, Augusta, ME 04330

2) _____ I authorize New Ventures Maine to collect my gift in the amount above through the credit card indicated (circle one):

Mastercard / VISA / Discover

Account# _____ Exp. Date _____ Security Code _____

Signature _____

Print Name on Card _____

3) _____ Give online to New Ventures Maine [Trades for ME Fund](https://bit.ly/NVMETradesforMESponsor): bit.ly/NVMETradesforMESponsor

All gifts to New Ventures Maine are tax-deductible under the University of Maine System.

Thank you for supporting Trades for ME!