

## ABOUT MeANS

The Maine Academy of Natural Sciences (MeANS) is Maine's first charter high school. With an emphasis on individualized, hands-on learning and a theme of agriculture and sustainability, MeANS offers students a new educational option. Threshold is a MeANS program for students who cannot attend school regularly but strongly desire to complete their high school diploma.

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*Everyone who is high school aged is eligible to apply to MeANS; currently we have 20 positions for students in the Threshold program. Visit [www.means-gwh.org](http://www.means-gwh.org) to complete the Intent to Enroll form and to learn more about the enrollment process.*

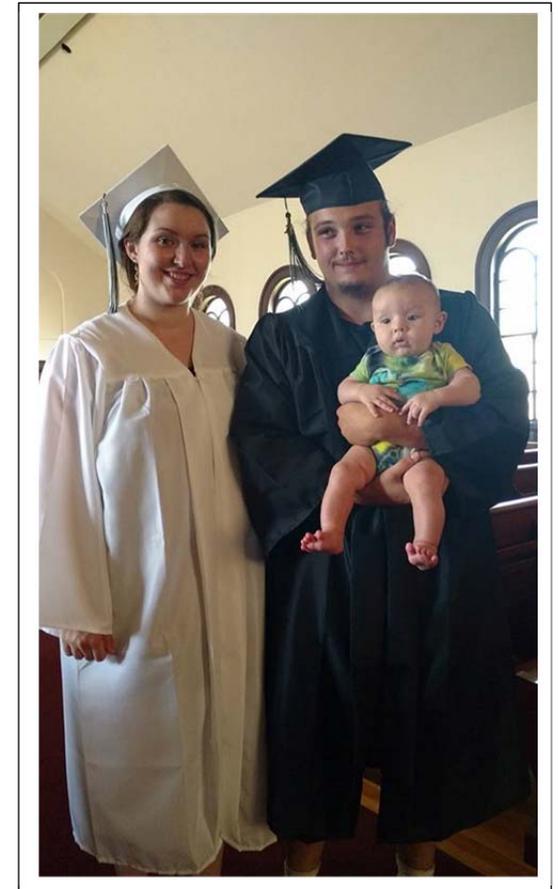
In its first year, Threshold will primarily focus on serving students living in Somerset and Kennebec Counties.



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An educational  
program of MeANS  
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# THRESHOLD

**A High School Diploma Program offered by  
the Maine Academy of Natural Sciences**





## Threshold is for you if:

- You are motivated to earn your high school diploma
- Are unable to attend school regularly because:
  - You may be pregnant and/or a parent;
  - You have physical challenges that make it hard to attend;
  - You have emotional challenges that make it hard to attend; or
  - Some other reason.

## Educational Experience:

You will work with a teacher at your home on a weekly basis.

You will log in daily to work on current projects through your computer; your teacher will monitor your progress each day.

Where applicable, you will participate in classwork at MeANS through a virtual connection.

You will attend classes at MeANS on two Mondays a month when MeANS is not in session where you will learn in the greenhouse, woods, museum, and trails.

You will complete a capstone project that will involve researching, creating, and reflecting upon an issue of utmost importance to you.

You will have access to courses at KVCC or any Maine Community College through the tuition waver program as well as to concurrent KVCC courses at MeANS.

## Threshold Teachers

Certified teachers will teach and advise you in your home (wherever possible), through the internet, as well as on the MeANS campus. You will be assigned one primary teacher/advisor who will help you to complete high school.

## Curriculum:

To graduate you will be expected to complete MeANS' standards-based curriculum aligned with State requirements and the Common Core.

You will work on individualized projects in core subject areas as well as projects related to parenting/child development/health and practical skills.

You will learn about gardening, farming, and growing your own food through greenhouses and gardens on campus.

You will develop a plan for what you intend to do after graduating.

## MeANS Mission

MeANS and Threshold offer a student-centered, staff-guided public high school whose purpose is to inspire and engage students. We welcome a diverse range of students including those whose previous learning environment has not inspired them to fulfill their potential as learners, those who have become disconnected from their education, as well as those who have a passion for the school's themes of agriculture, forestry and sustainability. MeANS and Threshold expect to graduate young adults who have developed positive habits of heart and mind, and greater self-direction. MeANS' students will complete their education more responsible, more hopeful, and healthier than when they enrolled, and with a plan that includes work, further education, training, adventure and/or service to others.

## For More Information

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