

Thank you in advance for completing the Mainers Magazine questionnaire. This form has been developed in an effort to provide you with additional time to complete the questions below. The more information you provide the better your article will be. If you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to reach out to us at [info@mainers.com](mailto:info@mainers.com). Cheers!

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| Twitter handle: | Twitter Handle |
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| Favorite Maine Restaurant: | Restaurant |
| Favorite Place to Visit Maine: | Place |
| Favorite Maine Season: | Season |
| Favorite Maine Beach: | Beach |
| What high school did you attend? | High School |
| What college did you attend? | College |
| What is your pastime activity? | Pastime Activity |
| What gadget can you not live without? | Gadget |
| What news outlet do you follow? | News |

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| Describe yourself and your family:  For example: I’m John Doe. I’m a 38 year old guy from Rockland, ME who makes a living on the internet. I consider myself the luckiest person on Earth. I didn’t win the lottery, I don’t drive a fancy car, and I’m not super famous. What I do have is a beautiful wife, two amazing children, a loving family, awesome friends, and a line of work that allows me to spend most of my time with them. |
| Tell us about your childhood  For example: I was born in Lewiston, Maine. The eldest son of six children of Mary and Jack, both of French Canadian descent, I grew up speaking French in an impoverished home with an abusive father who was a mill worker. At age eleven, I ran away from home and lived on the streets of Lewiston, where at times I stayed in horse stables. After spending roughly two years homeless, I began to earn a living stocking shelves and washing dishes at a local restaurant. I applied to University of Southern Maine in South Portland, but he was rejected due to a poor verbal score on the SAT because English was his second language. |
| Tell us what you love about Maine  For example: Maine is the most beautiful place I've ever been. The landscape is untouched, dramatic, and soul-stirring. The air smells like brine and pine needles and moss and wood fires, depending on the season. But living here, full-time, has been different than I expected in a few significant ways.... |
| What has been your biggest success in life?  For example: The greatest success I've achieved is learning to love myself. It's been a long time coming. I always pushed myself to be the best & still felt worthless. I was a perfectionist who could never reach perfection and therefore was always unhappy. I'm finally learning to cut myself some slack. To like who I am and to be proud of what I've accomplished. I finally realized I'm not doing too badly at all. Loving yourself, being happy with who you are is the greatest success anyone could have. |
| If you were given $500 (that could only be spent in Maine) how would you spend it?  For example: I would take the first $400 to go shopping in the Freeport outlets, then use the remaining $100 to take my wife out for a nice dinner at Fore street in Portland.. |
| What is one thing you would change about Maine and why?  For Example: If I could change one thing about Maine it would be the harsh Winters. I'd like milder Winters so we didn't have to hibernate like the animals. |
| Share a story of your choice:  For example: In 2005, I was traveling to Bar Harbor with my parents. My Dad was in his early 80s, suffering from advanced Parkinson’s… but he wanted to see Acadia National Park before it was too late. One morning, he slipped and fell, and had to be taken to the hospital by ambulance (an adventure in itself!). A couple of hours later, my Mom called me from the hospital–they were releasing him, but couldn’t give them a ride back... |