

# Mathematics Foundation of America Revenue Payment Policy

*Or, how to pay your Mathcamp tuition*

## Why am I seeing the name "Mathematics Foundation of America" on my invoices and emails?

Mathematics Foundation of America (MFOA) is the legal name of the organization ([www.mfoa.org](http://www.mfoa.org)) that runs Canada/USA Mathcamp. In other words: "Mathcamp" is the name you may be accustomed to seeing, and the connection is that Mathcamp is a *program* of the non-profit organization MFOA.

## What payment methods does MFOA accept?

For payments for goods or services (such as: tuition for Canada/USA Mathcamp; alumni reunion or conference participation fees; etc), Mathematics Foundation of America accepts: transfers from USA bank accounts; ACH/e-checks; physical checks or money orders; and domestic or international wires.

## What payment methods does MFOA *not* accept?

MFOA does not accept credit cards, Zelle, Venmo, Cash app, Square, etc. (sorry!).

## Why does MFOA not accept credit card payments for tuition?

The processing fees are much, much higher than for bank-to-bank transfers.

## What about PayPal?

We have used PayPal in exceptional situations in the past; it's not one of our default methods because the fees are substantial. If you have an unusual situation and want to make a payment via PayPal, contact us at [mc@mathcamp.org](mailto:mc@mathcamp.org) to discuss.

## I have a USA Bank Account and want to send a payment to MFOA. What do I do?

When you have received an invoice from MFOA, review the attached PDF for the details of MFOA's domestic ACH information to enter into your bank system or provide to your bank representative.

(Word to the wise: the invoice will include both domestic and international instructions; for processing domestic payments, be sure only to use the USA ACH payment details in your bank system.)

## I have an International Bank Account and want to send a payment to MFOA. What do I do?

When you have received an invoice from MFOA, review the invoice PDF for the international wire details to use or provide to your bank representative.

(Word to the wise: the invoice will include both domestic and international instructions; for processing international payments, be sure only to use the international payment details in your bank system.)

## My bank is telling me the name "Mathematics Foundation of America" is too long or has too many characters. What do I use?

If your bank system limits the characters to enter the "recipient" or "beneficiary name" field, you can abbreviate "Mathematics Foundation of America" as "Mathematics FDN of America."

We ask that you also add the full student name in any memo or notes field your bank permits.

## **Can I pay the full balance of my camp tuition even though my invoice shows only the initial 25% deposit amount?**

Yes. If you received email with an invoice from MFOA with an activated "review and pay" button, do the following:

- Click the "Review and Pay" button in the body of the email to open the link in your browser.
- Your invoice details and amount to pay will be displayed in the browser window.
- Click on the "edit amount" hyperlinked text next to the amount.
- Enter the amount you want to pay and save.
- Proceed with the rest of the screen instructions to pay the invoice.

If you received an invoice with a "print and save" button: click the button to download the invoice and remit payment using your bank system. You may still pay your full balance this way; when we receive the funds, we will update your record to reflect the adjusted amount.

## **How do I know if MFOA has received my invoice payment?**

If you paid an invoice using the "review and pay" button, you will receive a payment receipt in your browser and also an email confirmation receipt from our payment gateway system.

If you paid an invoice using any other method, MFOA will receive the funds and apply it to your record. Our accounting team will email you a payment receipt if one is required.

There is no need to email us to send your payment confirmation receipt unless we specifically ask you to do so (because we will also get copies on our end).

## **What about making donations?**

That's a different system! Everything we've been talking about here applies to making payments for goods and services.

Visit <https://www.mathcamp.org/giving/> (to support Mathcamp specifically) or <https://mfoa.org/> (to support MFOA's work more broadly) to give online. We also love to receive donations by check or through donor-advised funds; see the "Giving" section of our website for more details and feel free to reach out with any questions.

## **Who do I contact if I have further payment questions?**

You can send us an email to [mc@mathcamp.org](mailto:mc@mathcamp.org).