

Mathcamp Payment FAQs

Or: MFOA's Revenue Policy

Why do I see the name "Mathematics Foundation of America" on my invoices and emails?

Mathematics Foundation of America ([MFOA](#)) is the legal name of our non-profit organization, and Canada/USA Mathcamp is MFOA's flagship program. (Commonly abbreviated "Mathcamp.") You'll see MFOA in lots of money-related places.

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. (As of 2025: it's a difference of about \$15-30 per student vs \$192 per student on our end.)

What about PayPal?

We have used PayPal in exceptional situations; it's not one of our default methods because the fees are substantial. If you have an unusual issue and want to pay via PayPal, contact us at accounting@mathcamp.org to discuss.

I have a bank account in the US and want to send a payment to MFOA. What do I do?

Click the 'Pay Now' button on your invoice and follow the onscreen instructions through Intuit/Quickbooks.

I have an international bank account and want to pay 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.

I want to pay by physical check or money order.

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."

Please 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 an 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 payment amount 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 entire balance this way; when we receive the funds, we will update your record to reflect the adjusted amount.

How can I check that 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 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.

What about making donations?

That's a different system! Everything we've discussed 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 accounting@mathcamp.org.