

Michigan Achievement Scholarship Packaging

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Eligibility

To be considered for a Michigan Achievement Scholarship Award, a student must:

- Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).
- Demonstrate financial need by having an Expected Family Contribution (EFC) of \$25,000 or less.
- Be a Michigan resident since July 1 of the previous calendar year.
 - If a dependent student, parent(s) must also be a Michigan resident since July 1 of the previous calendar year.
- Graduate from high school in Michigan with a diploma or a certificate of completion or achieved a high school equivalency certificate in 2023 or after.
- Enroll full-time as defined by the eligible institution.
 - Eligible institutions include Michigan community colleges, tribal colleges, and public or private universities.
- Enroll at an eligible institution within 15 months of high school graduation or earning a high school equivalency certificate.
- Students are not eligible if they are incarcerated or are in default on a federal student loan.
- For renewal, meet institution's Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) policy.

Award Amount

Qualifying students may be eligible for:

- Up to \$2,750 if they attend a Michigan community college or tribal college, per year
 - \$1,750 Michigan Achievement Scholarship Minimum Award
 - \$1,000 Michigan Achievement Scholarship Last-dollar Award
- Up to \$5,500 if they attend a Michigan public university, per year
 - \$2,500 Michigan Achievement Scholarship Minimum Award
 - \$3,000 Michigan Achievement Scholarship Last-dollar Award
- Up to \$4,000 if they attend a Michigan private college or university, per year
 - \$1,000 Michigan Achievement Scholarship Minimum Award
 - \$3,000 Michigan Achievement Scholarship Last-dollar Award

Definitions

“Michigan Achievement Scholarship Minimum Award” All eligible participants will receive a minimum award. The minimum award must first be applied towards tuition and mandatory fees and any remaining minimum award after gift aid may be applied towards Cost of Attendance (COA).

“Michigan Achievement Scholarship Last-dollar Award” must be applied towards tuition and mandatory fees.

“Last-dollar payment amount” means an amount equal to the tuition cost for an eligible student’s courses at the resident rate, regardless of whether the student actually incurred that rate, plus the student’s mandatory fees, minus all gift aid received by the student.

“Resident rate” means the lowest tuition rate charged to in-state students by the eligible institution, including, if any, an in-district tuition rate.”

“Mandatory Fees” *effective Academic Year 2023-24*, must be fees specified in the institution’s course catalog as a condition of enrollment and/or required for the student’s completion of an eligible certificate or degree (such as on-line fees and lab fees required for course enrollment).

“Gift aid” includes:

- Federal Pell grants under 20 USC 1070a,
- Tuition Incentive Program benefits under Public Act 144 of 2022, Section 256,
- State tuition grants under Public Act 144 of 2022, Section 252,
- Michigan Achievement Scholarship Minimum Awards,
- Higher education expenses paid under the Michigan Promise Zone Authority Act, Public Act 549 of 2008, MCL 390.1661 to 390.1679, and,
- All other federal, state, local/outside, or institutional aid in the form of grants, scholarships, discounts, or VA benefits restricted to tuition and mandatory fees.

Gift aid does not include:

- Other non-tuition specific state aid,
- Other non-tuition specific institutional aid,
- Other non-tuition specific local/outside aid,
- Student loans,
- Work-study awards,
- Qualified withdrawals made from education savings accounts to pay higher education expenses pursuant to the Michigan Education Savings Program Act, 2000 Public Act 161 of 2000, MCL 390.1471 to 390.1486, and,
- Higher education expenses paid under the Michigan education trust program pursuant to the Michigan Education Trust Act, 1986 Public Act 316 of 1986, MCL 390.1421 to 390.1442.

Michigan Achievement Scholarship Packaging Order

The packaging order is:

1. All federal, state, local/outside (including Kalamazoo Promise), or institutional aid in the form of grants, scholarships, discounts, or VA benefits restricted to tuition and mandatory fees. For institutional free tuition/fee guarantee/pledge programs, see [reference below](#).
2. Police Officer's and Firefighter's Survivor Tuition Grant (STG)
3. Children of Veterans Tuition Grant (CVTG)
4. Michigan Tuition Grant (MTG)
5. Tuition Incentive Program (TIP)
6. Michigan Reconnect (Reconnect)*
7. Fostering Futures Scholarship (FFS)
 - a. Include only the tuition/fee portion.
8. Michigan Future Educator Fellowship (MI Fellowship)
9. Pell
10. Promise Zone Scholarship
11. Michigan Achievement Scholarship Minimum Award
12. Michigan Achievement Scholarship Last-dollar Award

*Pell must be applied first per [Reconnect](#) program rules provided in their respective handbook published by the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity (LEO).

Institutional Free Tuition/Fee Guarantee/Pledge Programs

Institutional grants or scholarships that are not designated as restricted to tuition and mandatory fees but were used to determine the amount covered by your pledge, promise or guarantee, may be excluded from award calculations for the minimum and last-dollar Michigan Achievement Scholarship awards.

Additionally, if your institution does not restrict your pledge, promise, or guarantee to tuition and mandatory fees, it does not need to be included as an award in the Michigan Achievement Scholarship calculations.

The minimum award and last-dollar award may need to be reduced if total awards exceed the student's Cost of Attendance.