

# ***WorkKeys and the Michigan Merit Award***

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High school students can receive a Michigan Merit Award of \$2,500 to be used at an approved postsecondary educational institution by taking the MEAP High School Tests in mathematics, reading, science, and writing and achieving a score of Level 1 (Exceeded Michigan Standards) or Level 2 (Met Michigan Standards) on all four tests and meeting all other eligibility requirements.

*If you have taken all four of the MEAP High School Tests, but some of your scores are too low, you can still qualify for a Michigan Merit Award by using WorkKeys job skills assessment tests!*

If you achieved a Level I or Level II on at least two of the MEAP tests and you met all of the other eligibility requirements, you can use WorkKeys assessment tests to qualify for a Michigan Merit Award for vocational/technical training. These are the minimum WorkKeys scores to qualify for a Michigan Merit Award for vocational/technical training:

- Applied Mathematics Test: Score of 5
- Reading for Information: Score of 5
- Writing: Score of 3
- Locating Information: Score of 4

## **What is WorkKeys?**

WorkKeys assessment tests help determine a person's skills in problem solving, communication, and following directions. They also identify the skill levels needed to do specific jobs. The questions resemble problems found in the everyday work world. More information about WorkKeys is available at [www.act.org/workkeys/assess/index.html](http://www.act.org/workkeys/assess/index.html). Sample questions are also available at [www.act.org/workkeys/assess/math/sample6.html](http://www.act.org/workkeys/assess/math/sample6.html). Or, call toll-free at 1-800-967-5539 or send an e-mail message to [WorkKeys@ACT.org](mailto:WorkKeys@ACT.org).

## **Why WorkKeys?**

Whether you get a job right out of high school, work part-time while continuing your education, or go through extensive education and training after high school, you will eventually enter the workforce. The skills assessed by WorkKeys such as problem solving, communication, and following directions are important assets for any employee, regardless of career choice.

## **How Can the Michigan Merit Award Be Used When a Student Qualifies Using WorkKeys?**

Students who receive a Michigan Merit Award through MEAP and WorkKeys testing can use the \$2,500 award to enroll in a vocational or technical education program at an approved postsecondary educational institution. Approved programs include virtually all programs at technical, vocational, or apprenticeship institutions, as well as technical programs at traditional two-year or four-year institutions (e.g., engineering, science, mathematics, physics, etc.).

## Where Can I Take the WorkKeys Assessment Tests?

You can take the WorkKeys tests at any of these Michigan WorkKeys Service Centers.  
Call for testing times and fee information.

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