



NO WORKER LEFT BEHIND

Frequently Asked Questions (as of 06/26/2008)

1. What is NWLB?

No Worker Left Behind (NWLB) is Governor Granholm's vision for accelerating the transition of thousands of workers into good-paying jobs by providing up to two years worth of free tuition at any community college, university, or other approved training provider to gain the skills and credentials for new careers in high-demand occupations, emerging industries, or to start a business. The program will expand on the job training and education services currently available to job seekers through Michigan Works! Service Centers. For more information go to www.michigan.gov/nwlb or call 1-800-285-WORK.

2. Who may be eligible for NWLB?

- Any person who is currently unemployed, or
- Any person who has received a notice of termination or layoff from employment, or
- Any employed person whose family income is \$40,000 or less per year.
- Participants must be at least 18 years old, must not have graduated from high school within the last two years (or be between the ages of 18 and 23 and have received their GED within the last two years) and must not be full-time college students. (Individuals who have graduated high school in the last two years may qualify for Michigan Promise. You may get more information on the Michigan Promise at www.michigan.gov/mistudentaid.)
- The starting point for determining eligibility and completing the assessment for No Worker Left Behind is your local Michigan Works! Agency office.

3. Where do I sign up for NWLB?

The first step is to visit your local Michigan Works! Service Center to begin the eligibility and skills assessment process. If you do not know where the nearest office is located you may contact Michigan Works! at 1-800-285-WORK (9675) or visit their website at www.michiganworks.org. Beginning August 1, 2007, eligible individuals have three years to sign up and participate in this one-time offer.

4. Can I take training in any area I want?

Participants must pursue a degree or occupational certificate in a high-demand occupation, emerging industry, or in an entrepreneurship program. Local Michigan Works! Service Center staff are available to help participants identify high demand occupations in their region. For an idea of the types of training that may be eligible in your region visit www.mycareereducation.org. You should also visit the No Worker Left Behind website at www.michigan.gov/nwlb. Michigan Works! has the final determination regarding eligible/allowable training programs.

5. Is there a limit on training costs?

Yes, the tuition assistance is capped at \$5,000 per year for two years, for a total of up to \$10,000 per person.

14. What things can the free tuition be used for?

Tuition costs, books, materials, fees (such as application costs, registration, and laboratory fees) and academic supportive services (counseling and career advising).

15. Do I have to be a full-time student to be in No Worker Left Behind?

No, the program guidelines require that participants complete training within four years of starting the program.

16. Can I register for classes prior to going through the required assessment at the Michigan Works! Agency, and if so, will I be reimbursed for tuition costs?

No Worker Left Behind is not a tuition reimbursement program. All tuition is paid directly to the training institution by the Michigan Works! Agency. The starting point for determining eligibility is your local Michigan Works! Agency.

17. What is considered a high demand occupation?

High demand occupations are determined by the local Michigan Works! Agency, in collaboration with educational/training institutions, current labor market information, and employers. High demand occupations vary across the state. For a list of high demand occupations in your area please visit www.michigan.gov/nwlb click on the button on the top left that states "What are the high demand jobs in my area" then click on your county.