



Michigan Promise Scholarship Fact Sheet Academic Year 2008-09



Description

The Michigan Promise scholarship provides up to \$4,000 to high school graduates for successfully completing two years of postsecondary education. All students who took the Michigan Merit Exam (MME) have the opportunity to receive up to \$4,000 if they meet all eligibility requirements. Students who receive qualifying scores (Level 2 or above) in each of the required test components are eligible to receive up to half of their scholarship in the first two years of postsecondary enrollment (in installments of \$1,000 each year).

Application

To claim the Michigan Promise scholarship installment payment for use in the 2008-09 academic year, an eligible student must certify his/her scholarship by November 15, 2008. To claim up to a \$2,000 final payment (for those who received installment payments), or to claim the full \$4,000 for those who did not qualify for the installment payments, students should visit the Web site www.Michigan.gov/promise for an application form. **Students are responsible for notifying the Office of Scholarships and Grants of a change in their college choice.**

Program Limits

Students must initiate use of their scholarship within two years of high school graduation and all installment funds must be fully utilized within four years of initiation. Students in the class of 2008, who initiate their scholarship in the 2008-09 academic year, must utilize all installment funds by the end of the 2011-12 academic year. Students, who initiate their scholarship in the 2009-10 academic year, must utilize all installment funds by the end of the 2012-13 academic year. Students must submit their application for final payment no later than November 15 of the academic year following their last year of eligibility.

Eligibility

- Take the state assessment test¹.
- Have not received a Merit Award under the Merit Award Act.
- Must certify his or her eligibility for a scholarship installment payment.
- Enroll at an approved Michigan postsecondary institution or a military service academy within two years of becoming a high school graduate (two-year period would be extended for service in armed forces or Peace Corps).
- Complete the postsecondary education requirements (associate degree, two-year certificate, vocational education program² or 50% of the academic requirements for a bachelor's degree, which is 60 semester or 90 term credits) within four years of initial enrollment.
- Achieve a cumulative college GPA of 2.5 (for students completing vocational education programs that do not record grades; proof of course completion is required).
- Be a high school graduate or have passed the GED or any other graduate equivalency exam approved by the State Board of Education.
- Be a Michigan resident.

More Information

Visit www.michigan.gov/promise. Contact the Michigan Promise scholarship program, Office of Scholarships and Grants, toll free at 1-888-4-GRANTS (1-888-447-2687) or e-mail osg@michigan.gov.

¹ The primary criterion for award consideration is confirmation that the student took the MME while in high school. Students who did not take the minimum portion required and/or whose scores are invalidated or cancelled, as reported by the Office of Educational Assessment and Accountability (OEAA), are treated as students NOT TESTED.

² Students completing a vocational training program requiring less than two years to complete may be eligible for a prorated scholarship.