



Police Officer's and Fire Fighter's Survivor Tuition Grant Fact Sheet Academic Year 2017-18

Description

The Police Officer's and Fire Fighter's Survivor Tuition Act provides for the waiver of tuition at a Michigan community college or public university for children and surviving spouses of Michigan police officers and firefighters killed in the line of duty. The program is intended to provide an educational benefit to the spouse and children of police officers and firefighters who made the ultimate sacrifice for their communities and the citizens of Michigan. Tuition only will be waived for eligible survivors enrolled in classes leading to a certificate or undergraduate degree. Persons wishing to participate in this program must submit an application to Student Scholarships and Grants (SSG).

Application

To be eligible, the person applying must be the spouse or child (natural or adopted), of a deceased Michigan police officer or firefighter, who was killed in the line of duty. A child must be less than age 21 at the time of the police officer's or firefighter's death. **The student is responsible for notifying SSG of a change of address or college choice.**

Program Limits

The eligible college or university may waive tuition only for courses applicable toward a certificate or degree in which the applicant is enrolled. Tuition may be waived for not more than nine (9) semesters or 14 terms. Tuition may be waived only to the extent that the tuition is not covered or paid by any other scholarship, trust fund, statutory benefit, or other source of tuition coverage. Program eligibility ends when a student has received a bachelor's degree, after completing the equivalent of nine (9) semesters or 14 terms (124 semester hours or 180 term hours).

SSG shall determine if the applicant is eligible for a tuition waiver based upon the application and supporting documentation submitted by the applicant. Future awards are subject to available and approved funding.

Eligibility Requirements

- Apply, qualify, and enroll at least half-time in a program leading to a certificate or degree at an approved Michigan community college or public university.
- Be a Michigan resident for 12 consecutive months preceding application. Dependents shall use the parent's residency status.
- Provide satisfactory evidence that the applicant is an eligible child or surviving spouse of a police officer or firefighter killed in the line of duty.
- Must apply for the first time *before* the age of 26.
- Be certified by the financial aid officer of the eligible institution that the waiver is needed to meet tuition expenses. The child's or surviving spouse's family income, excluding any income from death benefits attributable to the officer's or firefighter's death must demonstrate financial need as determined by SSG.
- For renewal, meet institution's Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) policy.
- Has *not* yet received a bachelor's degree.

For More Information

Visit www.michigan.gov/mistudentaid. Contact the Survivor Tuition Grant (STG) Program, **Student Scholarships and Grants**, toll free at 888-447-2687, e-mail mistudentaid@michigan.gov, or fax at 517-241-5835.

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Participating Institutions

Alpena Community College	Mid Michigan Community College
Bay de Noc Community College	Monroe County Community College
Bay Mills Community College	Montcalm Community College
Central Michigan University	Mott Community College
Delta College	Muskegon Community College
Eastern Michigan University	North Central Michigan College
Ferris State University	Northern Michigan University
Glen Oaks Community College	Northwestern Michigan College
Gogebic Community College	Oakland Community College
Grand Rapids Community College	Oakland University
Grand Valley State University	Saginaw Valley State University
Henry Ford College	Saint Clair County Community College
Jackson College	Schoolcraft College
Kalamazoo Valley Community College	Southwestern Michigan College
Kellogg Community College	University of Michigan - Ann Arbor
Kirtland Community College	University of Michigan - Dearborn
Lake Michigan College	University of Michigan - Flint
Lake Superior State University	Washtenaw Community College
Lansing Community College	Wayne County Community College
Macomb Community College	Wayne State University
Michigan State University	West Shore Community College
Michigan Technological University	Western Michigan University