

Michigan Achievement Scholarship Packaging

Public Act 103 of 2023



Revised 01/26/2024

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.
- Meet the institution's Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) policy.
- Students may be eligible to receive the Michigan Achievement Scholarship for up to five consecutive years total, with no more than three years at a Michigan community college and tribal college. Students enrolled in a baccalaureate degree program at a Michigan community college may be eligible to receive the Michigan Achievement Scholarship for up to five consecutive years.

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 or are enrolled in a baccalaureate degree program at a Michigan community college, 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

Term Maximums

Michigan Achievement Scholarship Minimum Award

- Community College/Tribal College
 - Fall \$875
 - Spring \$875 + any remaining from prior term
 - Summer (any remaining from prior terms)
- Michigan Public University or Baccalaureate Degree Program at a Michigan Community College
 - Fall \$1,250
 - Spring \$1,250 + any remaining from prior term
 - Summer (any remaining from prior terms)
- Michigan Private College or University
 - Fall \$500
 - Spring \$500 + any remaining from prior term
 - Summer (any remaining from prior terms)

Michigan Achievement Scholarship Last-dollar Award

- Community College/Tribal College
 - Fall \$500
 - Spring \$500 + any remaining from prior term
 - Summer (any remaining from prior terms)
- Michigan Public University or Baccalaureate Degree Program at a Michigan Community College
 - Fall \$1,500
 - Spring \$1,500 + any remaining from prior term
 - Summer (any remaining from prior terms)
- Michigan Private College or University
 - Fall \$1,500
 - Spring \$1,500 + any remaining from prior term
 - Summer (any remaining from prior terms)

Definitions

“Michigan Achievement Scholarship Minimum Award” all eligible participants will receive a minimum award up to their Cost of Attendance (COA).

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

“Last-dollar payment amount” means an amount equal to the tuition, contact hours and the student’s mandatory fees for each student's actual program of study, minus all gift aid received by the student.

“Mandatory fees” 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 online 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 103 of 2023, Section 256,
- State tuition grants under Public Act 103 of 2023, 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 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,
- 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, and,
- VA benefits.

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 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. Futures for Frontliners (F4F)
6. Tuition Incentive Program (TIP)
7. Michigan Reconnect (Reconnect)*
8. Fostering Futures Scholarship (FFS)
 - a. Include only the tuition/fee portion.
9. Michigan Future Educator Fellowship (MI Fellowship)
10. Federal Pell Grant (Pell)
11. Promise Zone Scholarship
12. Michigan Achievement Scholarship Minimum Award
13. Michigan Achievement Scholarship Last-dollar Award

Michigan GEAR UP (MI GEAR UP) is not tuition specific and does not need to be included in last dollar award calculations for Michigan Achievement Scholarship.

*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.

Michigan Achievement Scholarship Standard Calculations

All eligible participants will receive a minimum award. The minimum award is payment towards any cost within the student's individual Cost of Attendance (COA).

Community College/Tribal College

	Pell	No Pell
Tuition/Fee Specific	\$6,000	\$6,000
Other Tuition-specific Aid	\$1,000	\$1,000
State Tuition-specific Aid*	\$2,700	\$2,700
Pell	\$1,500	\$0
Michigan Achievement Scholarship Minimum Award	\$1,750	\$1,750
Total Gift Aid	\$6,950	\$5,450
Michigan Achievement Scholarship Last-dollar Award	\$0	\$550

Public 4-Year Institutions or Baccalaureate Degree Program at a Michigan Community College

	Pell	No Pell
Tuition/Fee Specific	\$15,000	\$15,000
Other Tuition-specific Aid	\$6,000	\$6,000
State Tuition-specific Aid*	\$1,000	\$1,000
Pell	\$6,895	\$0
Michigan Achievement Scholarship Minimum Award	\$2,500	\$2,500
Total Gift Aid	\$16,395	\$9,500
Michigan Achievement Scholarship Last-dollar Award	\$0	\$3,000

Private Non-Profit 4-Year Institutions

	Pell	No Pell
Tuition/Fee Specific	\$30,000	\$30,000
Other Tuition-specific Aid	\$10,000	\$10,000
State Tuition-specific Aid*(including MTG)	\$4,000	\$4,000
Pell	\$2,000	\$0
Michigan Achievement Scholarship Minimum Award	\$1,000	\$1,000
Total Gift Aid	\$17,000	\$15,000
Michigan Achievement Scholarship Last-dollar Award	\$3,000	\$3,000

Michigan Achievement Scholarship Last-dollar Award Calculations

\$	Total of tuition including contact hours for the student
+ \$	Plus the student's mandatory fees.
= \$	Tuition + Fees Subtotal.
- \$	<p>Minus gift aid received by the student. Gift Aid includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All federal, state, local/outside, or institutional aid in the form of grants, scholarships, or discounts restricted to tuition and mandatory fees, • Police Officer's and Firefighter's Survivor Tuition Grant (STG), • Children of Veterans Tuition Grant (CVTG), • Michigan Tuition Grant (MTG), • Futures for Frontliners (F4F), • Tuition Incentive Program (TIP), • Michigan Reconnect (Reconnect), • Fostering Futures Scholarship (FFS), <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Include only the tuition/fee portion. • Michigan Future Educator Fellowship (MI Fellowship), • Pell, • Higher education expenses paid under the Michigan Promise Zone Authority Act, • Michigan Achievement Scholarship Minimum Award. <p>Gift aid does not include other non-tuition specific state aid, 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, higher education expenses paid under the Michigan Education Trust (MET), or VA benefits.</p>
- \$	
- \$	
- \$	
- \$	
- \$	
- \$	
- \$	
- \$	
- \$	
- \$	
= \$	
\$	<p>Enter the maximum annual values per the student's institution type:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MI Community College/Tribal College (\$500 Fall / \$500 Spring = \$1,000) (3-year limit) • MI Public University (\$1,500 Fall / \$1,500 Spring = \$3,000) (5-year limit) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Or Baccalaureate Degree Program at a Michigan Community College • MI Private College/University (\$1,500 Fall / \$1,500 Spring = \$3,000) (5-year limit)
Annual Max	
\$	Award the lowest value of the two shaded values above as the Michigan Achievement Scholarship Last-dollar Award amount for the academic year.

The Michigan Department of Lifelong Education, Advancement, and Potential is not affiliated with National Merit Scholarship Corporation or its registered trademarks National Achievement®, Achievement Scholarship®, or Achievement Scholar®.