



MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF  
**LABOR & ECONOMIC  
OPPORTUNITY**



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**RECONNECT**



## Benefits & Eligibility

- Any of **Michigan's public community colleges**, including tribal colleges
- Must be pursuing Pell-eligible **associate degree or skill certificate**
- Last-dollar scholarship, offering free **in-district tuition, mandatory fees, contact hours**



### To be eligible:

- At least 25 years of age
- Michigan resident for previous year
- Have a high school diploma or equivalent (e.g., GED)
- Have **not** yet earned a college degree (associate or bachelor's)



## Applying & Receiving the Award

- **Apply:** [Michigan.gov/Reconnect](https://www.michigan.gov/Reconnect) or call 1-888-447-2687 (Customer Care Center)
  - ▶ **Apply** and be admitted to community college
  - ▶ **Submit** a federal aid application (FAFSA)
  - ▶ **Enroll** in classes at least half-time (6 credits) towards associate degree or certificate program



# Maintaining the Award

- Continue being a Michigan resident
- File FAFSA every year
- Be enrolled at least half-time (min. 6 credits) for a minimum of 2 semesters within a 12-month period.
  - ▶ The credits must be in a program of study, but the semesters do not need to be consecutive.
- Maintain a cumulative 2.0 GPA in the courses towards the program of study at the end of the each 12-month period



## Time Limit

- Award can be maintained until (whichever comes first):
  - ▶ Four years have passed since first semester as Reconnect participant
  - ▶ Participant earns associate degree



# Resources on the Reconnect Website

- [Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQs\)](#)
- [Calculating Your Costs](#)
- [Veterans and Service Members](#)
- [Check Your Application Status](#)
- [Already Accepted? Keep Going – College Checklist](#)
- [List of Colleges](#)



# Support from Navigators

- Every Reconnect applicant is contacted by a Navigator and offered services and support.
- Navigators assist in college enrollment and participation in the MI Reconnect scholarship program.
- Navigators connect adults with state and community-based resources that can help Reconnect participants persist and complete their education.





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# We're here to help!

- Each navigator can schedule meetings throughout the week including evenings and some weekends
- Contact information available on the website
- Currently hosting FAFSA completion session every Wednesday at 5 p.m.  
[bit.ly/ReconnectFAFSAHelp](https://bit.ly/ReconnectFAFSAHelp)





# Why should you apply to Reconnect?

1. 5 minutes or less you can become eligible for free or discounted tuition
2. Reconnect is a blank slate program
3. Reconnect will cover repeating courses
4. Reconnect Navigators are an additional support
5. Reconnect helps you take the next step in your career and educational goals

**Apply Today:** [Michigan.gov/Reconnect](https://Michigan.gov/Reconnect)



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