

PROGRAM GUIDE

FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGES

This document serves as a practical guide for the eligible institutions accepting Michigan's new state scholarship program, **Michigan Reconnect**. This guide will be continually updated as feedback is received, and the program evolves.

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Support to Applicants

If applicants contact the college with questions on the Reconnect program, eligibility requirements, or application process, or for technical support while completing the application, applicants can be referred to the following resources:

- **Call:** 1-888-447-2687 (Customer Care Center)
- **Email:** MIStudentAid@michigan.gov

Support for Community Colleges

If the colleges have questions about Reconnect and the application of the practices laid out in the handbook:

- **Please email both:**
 - **LEO Program Administrator:** LEO-Reconnect@michigan.gov
 - **Treasury Program Coordinator:** MIStudentAid@michigan.gov
- **Call:** 1-888-447-2687 (Customer Care Center)

Quick Links

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- Digital copy of the [Reconnect Handbook for Community Colleges](#)
- Digital copy of the [Reconnect MiSSG Manual](#)

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Description & Application

Michigan Reconnect (Reconnect) provides last-dollar tuition-free access to community college for Michiganders 25 or older without college degrees to pursue a Pell-eligible associate degree or industry-recognized certificates. Reconnect covers in-district tuition rate, contact hours, and mandatory fees.

Reconnect also **included** a **Skills Scholarship** program that **offered** a limited number of one-time grants of up to \$1,500 to students to help cover tuition at private training providers and is administered by LEO. Community colleges **were not** eligible for this part of the program. Skills Scholars are still eligible to pursue an associate degree or skill certificate **an eligible institution** with Reconnect upon completing the Skills Scholarship. **Application and enrollment for the Skills Scholarship ended on December 31, 2021.**

Interested Michiganders must complete a Reconnect application at Michigan.gov/Reconnect. See [Appendix B](#) for screenshots of the application.

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Steps to Apply and Participate in the Scholarship

1. Applicants must first submit a Reconnect application. Applicants are only able to successfully submit a Reconnect application if they meet the criteria of the program based on their self-reported responses. Once submitted, the applicant will be notified immediately on the application page, by email, and via their Student Portal that they have been accepted into the scholarship program.

The applicant will also be notified, by email and via their Student Portal status, of the following steps that need to be completed in order to begin participating in the scholarship program:

- 2.** Apply to and be admitted to one of Michigan's public community colleges
- 3.** Submit a FAFSA application
- 4.** Enroll at least half-time (6 credits) in their Pell-eligible associate degree or certificate program

Accepted applicants are encouraged to initiate participation in the scholarship program within a year of being accepted but are not required. Their application may become inactive unless a current-year FAFSA is on file. See [MiSSG Information or Eligibility Roster Reports](#).

See [Student Eligibility](#) for more information.

Student Eligibility

- Must complete and submit a Reconnect scholarship application on the LEO Reconnect website Michigan.gov/Reconnect
- Must be a Michigan resident. An applicant must have maintained continuous Michigan residency for at least the immediately preceding year.
 - For Reconnect purposes, the student is considered meeting this criterion if they can verify that they have been a Michigan resident for at least one year by the start of the semester.
- Must be 25 years of age or older at the time of application. If a student is ineligible because they are less than 25, they can re-apply once they reach their 25th birthday.
- Must have graduated from high school with a diploma or certificate of completion or a high school equivalency certificate.
 - For Reconnect purposes, self-certification of high school completion is acceptable, but should be federally verified if required.
- Must not have previously earned an associate or baccalaureate degree.

If the interested applicant does not meet one or more of these criteria, their scholarship application will not be accepted.

If a college becomes aware (e.g., from their own database system) of a Reconnect applicant or participant who does not meet the **Reconnect student eligibility requirements**, inform the Treasury Reconnect Program Coordinator.

Once an applicant's Reconnect scholarship application has been accepted, they will then need to complete the following steps to receive the award:

- Must apply to and be admitted to an accredited Michigan public community college including Michigan's tribal colleges.
- Must file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) for the academic year in which the student will be enrolled and the verification process completed for those required.
 - For Reconnect purposes, only verification of items related to **Reconnect student eligibility requirements** are required.
- Must enroll at least half-time (6 credits) in courses towards their program study within a year of submitting their Reconnect scholarship application.

If the accepted Reconnect applicant completes these three steps, they will become a Reconnect scholarship participant and must then meet the [Program Eligibility](#) to continue to qualify for the program until the limits of the program are met (see [Eligible Programs of Study](#)).

If the accepted Reconnect applicant does not complete these three steps, the student may need to reactivate their Reconnect application in MiSSG by filing a current-year FAFSA.

Program Eligibility

Reconnect participants will have to file a FAFSA annually and list their community college as their first school on the FAFSA for the student to reflect on the MiSSG roster each year.

For renewal of their scholarship, a Reconnect participant must:

- File the FAFSA and complete verification process (as needed) annually. See [Student Eligibility](#).
- Maintain Michigan residency. See [Student Eligibility](#).
- Maintain *continuous enrollment as at least a half-time student* in a Pell-eligible program at an eligible institution leading to an associate degree or industry-recognized certificate unless a leave of absence from the scholarship is granted.
 - **Continuous enrollment:** Enrolled in at least 2 semesters or the equivalent in terms or quarters, as determined by the Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity during each 12-month period for a number of consecutive years. The two or more semesters, terms, or quarters of enrollment within a 12-month period need not be consecutive.
 - **Half-time enrollment:** Enrolled in at least 6 credit hours in an academic semester or the equivalent number of credit hours in a term or quarter.
 - If the Reconnect participant becomes enrolled in less than 6 credits *due to withdrawing from a course or courses after the add/drop period*, they can continue to maintain their eligibility as long as they meet the other [Program Eligibility](#) requirements.
- Maintain a cumulative GPA of at least 2.0 in the courses taken towards the associate degree or Pell-eligible industry-recognized certificate while Reconnect participants. Grades earned prior to the student's participation in Reconnect are not to be considered for Reconnect eligibility.
 - The cumulative 2.0 GPA should be calculated at the end of each 12-month period if the student has met continuous enrollment at their eligible institution.
 - Students, whose GPA has been calculated and do not meet the 2.0 GPA requirement, should be reported in MiSSG by marking 'GPA Not Met' in the student's record in MiSSG.

If a Reconnect participant does not meet one or more of the eligibility criteria to continue maintaining the scholarship, the eligible institution will not submit a reimbursement or eligible no reimbursement report on behalf of the student. The student will permanently lose the ability to participate in the Reconnect program and their participation cannot be reinstated unless a scholarship leave of absence applies. See [Leave of Absence from Scholarship Program](#).

When submitting a reimbursement request or reporting eligible no reimbursement on behalf of a Reconnect student, the eligible institution is confirming that the student meets the requirements to continue to receive the award. (See the [Reconnect MiSSG Manual](#)).

Reconnect participants may change the program in which they are enrolled providing the change is to a Pell-eligible associate degree or industry-recognized certificate program. The four-year limit on the length of time one may receive a Reconnect scholarship still applies.

A Reconnect participant may be considered 'Eligible No Reimbursement' if they have other scholarships or awards that cover their in-district tuition, mandatory fees and contact hours or choose not to utilize Reconnect funds if they have other scholarships or awards that fit their financial needs better. Reconnect participants who are 'Eligible No Reimbursement' are still considered participants of the award and must still meet the [Student Eligibility](#) and [Program Eligibility](#) requirements to avoid losing the scholarship and be able to receive more than \$0 Reconnect in future semesters.

Enrollment in courses as part of a consortium agreement, including MCO, is allowed provided the courses are part of the curriculum for the Reconnect participant's associate or industry-recognized certificate program and where the community or tribal college is the home institution.

- **The first 12-month period** begins at the start of the student's first semester as a Reconnect participant in which they are enrolled in at least 6 credits.
 - If the first semester of their 12-month period is in Summer, their 12-month period would end at the end of the Winter/Spring semester of the following calendar year. (e.g., Summer '21 and Winter/Spring '22).
 - If the first semester of their 12-month period is in Fall, their 12-month period would end at the end of the Summer semester of the following calendar year. (e.g., Fall '21 and Summer '22).
 - If the first semester of their 12-month period is in Winter/Spring, their 12-month period would end at the end of the Fall semester within the same calendar year. (e.g., Winter/Spring '22 and Fall '22).

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Eligible Programs of Study

Pell-eligible program at an eligible institution leading to an associate degree or industry-recognized certificate.

Interested Reconnect applicants, who have not yet earned an associate or bachelor's degree but have earned a certificate previously and are currently enrolled in an associate degree program *are* eligible to apply for this program.

Reconnect will only cover the cost of one (1) program at any given time.

Reconnect participants who choose to pursue an industry-recognized certificate can still go on to pursue their associate degree **if the certificate is in an industry-recognized field that is related (i.e., logical transition) to the associate degree to be pursued.**

Reconnect will cover the cost for the certificate *and* associate degree within the four-year limit. If the course of study is not completed within the four-year Reconnect limit, the student will be responsible for covering the remaining cost of their academic program.

Reconnect will only cover the cost of one (1) certificate within the four-year limit.

USDOL apprenticeship programs are not eligible. If an apprenticeship program informs apprentices that completion of a Pell-eligible associate degree or industry-recognized certificate at the community college counts towards the academic requirement of the apprenticeship program, the apprentice could attend the community college tuition-free. However, that is an arrangement between the union and the apprentice. Non-Pell-eligible courses or courses outside of the community college are not available for the Reconnect scholarship.

Guest/visiting students are not eligible for this award.

If a Reconnect participant maintains their award, participation can continue until the occurrence of either the following, whichever occurs first:

- Four years have passed since their first semester as a Reconnect participant, or
- The participant has earned an associate degree

There is no academic year cap as to how many credits can be billed.

Additional Program Details

Leave of Absence from Scholarship Program

A participant, who takes a leave of absence from an eligible institution and is unable to be continuously enrolled due to an approved hardship, may continue to receive their award upon resuming their education at an eligible institution provided there is continued program funding and the student continues to meet all applicable eligibility requirements for the scholarship program. An approved leave of absence does not disrupt the requirement of continuous enrollment (see [Program Eligibility](#)) and the time in which the student was not continuously enrolled does not count toward the scholarship program's four-year time limit.

The leave of absence process, review, and approval is to be managed by, and is at the discretion of, the eligible institution the student will be attending to resume their education. However, the department (LEO) does also consider the following reasons to be considered allowable issues of hardship:

- Fulfilment of a religious commitment expected of all students of that faith
- a participant's participation in an internship or co-op program that is required or encouraged as part the academic program in which they are enrolled, **or**

- participants who become waitlisted for their program or provided a late start date after pre-requisite courses are completed for their curriculum

If a student's leave of absence is approved by the eligible institution, community college staff with access to MiSSG will enter in a leave of absence for all semesters the student missed during the leave of absence within the student's record in MiSSG.

Withdrawals and No Show (NS)

1. For a Reconnect participant's first 12-month period, the scholarship will cover the tuition cost of courses the student withdraws from after a college's "add/drop" period.

2. For the first semester of a Reconnect participant's 2nd 12-month period, the college will cover the cost of any withdrawn courses after the "add/drop" period, meaning neither the State nor the student can be charged.

3. From the second semester of a Reconnect participant's 2nd 12-month period and on, all withdrawn course costs after the "add/drop" period are to be covered by the student.

This policy will also apply to courses for which a Reconnect participant receives a No Show (NS) grade.

Special Reporting

By accepting Reconnect scholarship funds, community colleges agree to participate in data collection and quality assurance protocols established by statute. This includes an annual report to LEO due **every June 30** and beginning June 30, 2021 that includes:

- Numerical goals for persistence and completion rates for Reconnect participants.
- An inventory of the college's currently implemented strategies to improve student success outcomes
- Description of policies for placing students in developmental as opposed to credit-bearing courses and for converting prior learning into credit

LEO will provide colleges with a template to use to meet these reporting requirements.

In addition to the above annual report, community colleges agree to participate in data collection and quality assurance protocols established by LEO for the purpose of accurately tracking student outcomes, e.g.:

- Updated enrollment reports for each semester
- Graduate reports for each semester

Reconnect participants who are ‘Eligible No Reimbursement’ should still be included in all reporting by the colleges.

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MiSSG Information or Eligibility Roster Reports

In their information reports, community college staff with access to MiSSG will have access to the contact information for Reconnect applicants.

- **Information roster:** Reconnect applicants with a FAFSA on file; contact information, eligibility status, and ineligible reason(s) listed.
- **Eligible Students roster:** Reconnect applicants who are ‘eligible’ on the MiSSG site.
 - When a student is classified as “eligible” on the MiSSG site, it means the student is accepted in Reconnect **and** has submitted a FAFSA. Applicants who have not yet submitted their FAFSA are still considered accepted in the Reconnect program.
- **Reconnect Applicant Pending FAFSA roster:** Reconnect applicants who do not yet have a FAFSA on file but listed the institution on their Reconnect application as where they plan to attend.
 - This roster could change if a Reconnect applicant files their FAFSA and lists another institution as their home school.

If a Reconnect applicant does not enroll within 1 year of submitting their Reconnect application, their application may become inactive. To reactivate their application and take advantage of the program, they must file a FAFSA.

When the student’s status is “ineligible,” it does not necessarily mean that they have been denied. Please see the table below explaining the “ineligible” reasons. A student may be “ineligible” for more than one reason, so please take that into consideration when reviewing information or any eligibility roster reports.

The community colleges can “clear ineligible reasons” on MiSSG for issues (e.g., residency) if they have the documentation to do so.

MiSSG Ineligible Reasons for Reconnect Applicants

MiSSG Ineligible Reason	Explanation
Associate Degree Earned	Participant earned their associate degree while receiving Reconnect and is no longer eligible for the program.
GPA Requirement Not Met	Student has a cumulative GPA below 2.0 while receiving the Reconnect Scholarship. This calculation begins when student starts participating in the scholarship program.

Ineligible Institution	School selected by student isn't a Reconnect eligible institution. If the student plans to attend an eligible institution they must update the MiSSG Student Portal.
Student Not MI Resident	Information received on FAFSA shows that they are not considered as a Michigan Resident. Student needs to contact college if there is an error to work with them to resolve. See Student Eligibility .
Prior Degree Earned	Student selected Bachelor or Graduate Student as college graduate level on FAFSA. Student needs to contact college if there is an error to work with them to resolve.
Years of Eligibility	Student has met the four-year time limit of the program based on their first reimbursement or eligible no reimbursement report that the Department of Treasury received.

Applicants can check their application status and MiSSG ineligible reason(s), if any, in the MiSSG Student Portal by visiting Michigan.gov/Reconnect.

Awarding Information

The Reconnect scholarship covers the in-district tuition rate whether a student attends a school within their district or not. Out-of-district costs are not covered by Reconnect. If a student chooses -- or is required -- to go to an out-of-district community college, the Reconnect participant is responsible for covering the cost difference between the in-district tuition rate and out-district rate.

The Reconnect scholarship program is a last-dollar scholarship, which is equal to the difference between in-district tuition and fees (i.e., tuition, contact hours and mandatory fees) and any Pell Grant and any **state** tuition-restricted scholarships or awards that a student receives following the packaging order.

See [Appendix A](#) for billing examples.

Mandatory fees must be specified in the institution's course catalog as mandatory for all students as a condition of enrollment. Mandatory fees do not include:

- Course-specific fees
- Lab fees
- Athletic fees
- Parking fees
- Any 'one-time' fees

Contact hours: Regardless of what a college's terms are for 'contact hours', as long as these hours reflect the time in which a student receives active instruction as part of a course of study, contact hour costs will be covered by Reconnect.

Pell Grant and any **state** tuition-restricted scholarship or awards will be first dollar for this program following the packaging order.

Reconnect follows the federal aid rule on repeating coursework from when the student becomes a Reconnect participant. Reconnect does not consider courses taken prior to becoming a Reconnect participant.

Reconnect will pay for Pell-eligible remedial or developmental education courses. However, the Reconnect statute states that beginning January 1, 2022, Reconnect will only pay for developmental courses offered through a corequisite model, compression model, a modulation model or other approaches that accelerate the process of enabling students who need remediation to raise their skills to college level and complete credit-bearing courses.

Reconnect will also cover pre-requisite courses that are within the associate degree or industry-recognized certificate curriculum. Pre-requisites that must be completed before a student can apply for a specific associate degree or industry-recognized certificate program will not be covered.

Packaging Order Considerations

The packaging order for this scholarship, dependent on the student's eligibility for each, is:

Packaging Order

1. Pell Grant
2. MITW
3. Survivors Tuition Grant (STG)
4. Children of Veterans Tuition Grant (CVTG)
5. Michigan Competitive Scholarship (MCS)
6. Tuition Incentive Program (TIP)
7. Reconnect
8. Fostering Futures Scholarship (FFS)
9. VA Benefits
10. Non-tuition restricted awards or funding that should not be subtracted from the calculation of the scholarship, i.e.:
 - Student Loans
 - Work study
 - Qualified withdrawals from an education savings account
 - Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (SEOG)
 - Foundation, institutional, and/or private scholarships
 - Michigan Education Trust (MET)

- Promise Zones
- WIOA funds

Please also note the following:

If awarded, Reconnect scholarship money must be paid to the eligible institution for credit to the student's account.

College staff with access to MiSSG can access the 'Eligible No Reimbursement' to identify these students. Please refer to the [Reconnect MiSSG Manual](#).

Transfer Students

A student who participates in the Reconnect scholarship program may transfer from one eligible institution to another eligible institution without loss of the scholarship so long as the student continues to meet the [Program Eligibility](#) requirements to continue to participate in the scholarship. Reconnect does not require that the student's GPA transfer to their new institution. For calculating the GPA, please see [Program Eligibility](#).

The new institution must check MiSSG to determine if the student has their current-year FAFSA on file and does not have any [MiSSG Ineligible Reasons](#) flagged or issues preventing a reimbursement request / eligible no reimbursement report from occurring.

There are four items an eligible institution will need to check to determine if the student is still eligible to be awarded Reconnect:

- Current-year FAFSA is on file (MiSSG)
- Student meets Michigan residency requirement (MiSSG)
- Student does not have a 'not continuously enrolled' label on the Reimbursement request roster (MiSSG)
- Student does not have 'GPA Not Met' marked (MiSSG)

Prior to awarding the student, the eligible institution should confirm that the student is on their MiSSG reimbursement roster.

Community college staff with access to MiSSG can pull a 'Students Paid at Other Institution' report to identify if a Reconnect participant received tuition payment for Reconnect (or other scholarships and awards) from another institution.

Appendix A

In-District Billing Examples

Course	Contact Hours	Credit Hours	Tuition	Tech Fee	Lab Fee	Other Fees	Charges
Course 101	5.00	5.00	\$500.00	\$150.00	\$90.00	\$0.00	\$740.00
Course 102	2.00	2.00	\$200.00	\$60.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$260.00
Course 103	14.00	5.00	\$1,400.00	\$400.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00
	21.00	12.00					
			Sub Total				\$3,000.00
			Student Fees (Non-refundable)				\$95.00
			Facility				
			Fee				\$0.00
			Total Misc. Fees				\$0.00
			Total Online Fees				\$0.00
			Total Program Fee				\$0.00
			Total Tuition Adjustments				\$0.00
			Total Charges				\$3,095.00
In-District	\$100.00						

Out-of-District Billing Example

Course	Contact Hours	Credit Hours	Tuition	Tech Fee	Lab Fee	Other Fees	Charges
Course 101	5.00	5.00	\$1,000.00	\$150.00	\$90.00	\$0.00	\$1,240.00
Course 102	2.00	2.00	\$400.00	\$60.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$460.00
Course 103	14.00	5.00	\$2,800.00	\$400.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$3,400.00

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Sub Total	\$5,100
Student Fee (Non-refundable)	\$95.00
Facility Fee	\$0.00
Total Misc. Fees	\$0.00
Total Online Fees	\$0.00
Total Program Fee	\$0.00
Total Tuition Adjustments	\$0.00

Total Charges \$5,195.00

Out-of-District \$200.00

Out-of-District Reconnect Award Calculation

Tuition at In-District rate (\$100 x 21 contact hours) = \$2,100.00
Mandatory Fees (Tech fee and Student fee) 705.00
Total In-District Tuition/Fees \$2,805.00

Reconnect will pay \$2,805.00
Student will owe College (\$5,195.00 - \$2,805.00) = **\$2,390.00**

Out-of-District Reconnect and \$1,600.00 Pell Award Calculation

Tuition at In-District rate (\$100 x 21 contact hours) = \$2,100.00
Mandatory Fees (Tech fee and Student fee) 705.00
Total In-District Tuition/Fees \$2,805.00

Reconnect will pay \$1,205.00
Pell will pay \$1,600.00
Student will owe College (\$5,195.00 - \$1,600.00 - \$1,205.00) = **\$2,390.00**

Out-of-District Reconnect and TIP Award Calculation

Tuition at In-District rate (\$100 x 21 contact hours) = \$2,100.00
TIP Tuition difference coverage (\$100 x 12 credit hours*) = 1,200.00
Mandatory Fees (Tech fee and Student fee) 705.00
Total In-District Tuition/Fees \$4,005.00

Reconnect will pay \$2,555.00 = (\$4,005.00 minus \$1,450.00)
TIP will pay \$1,450.00
Student will owe College (\$5,195.00 - \$1,450.00 - \$2,555.00) = **\$1,190.00**

Out-of-District Reconnect, \$1,600 Pell and TIP Award Calculation

Tuition at In-District rate (\$100 x 21 contact hours) = \$2,100.00
TIP Tuition difference coverage (\$100 x 12 credit hours*) = 1,200.00
Mandatory Fees (Tech fee and Student fee) 705.00
Total In-District Tuition/Fees \$4,005.00

Pell will pay \$1,600.00
TIP will pay \$1,450.00 (12 credit hours + \$250 fees)
Reconnect will pay \$955.00

Student will owe: (\$5,195.00 - \$1,600.00 - \$1,450.00 - \$955.00) = **\$1,190.00**

*12 credit hours based upon the student only having 12 hours of TIP eligibility remaining in the academic year. Difference is calculated by subtracting Out-of-District rate from In-District rate.

Allowable Reconnect charges minus (Pell and other tuition specific awards (including TIP)) equals Reconnect Award.

Appendix B

Reconnect Application Screen Shots

Page 1: Introduce Yourself

Student Scholarships & Grants

Welcome to Your Reconnect Application

Reconnect is a scholarship program for Michiganders 25 or older, who don't have a college degree, to pursue an associate degree or skill certificate. Reconnect covers up to the 'in-district' tuition, mandatory fees, and contact hours at any of Michigan's public community colleges. Visit [List of Colleges](#) if you need help figuring out which college to attend.

Let us walk you through the steps to complete the application.

* = Required

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Please introduce yourself.

* What is your legal first name?

* What is your legal last name?

* What is your date of birth?

* Have you lived in Michigan for a year or longer? Yes No

* Have you earned a high school diploma or high school equivalency (including the GED)? Yes No

* Have you already earned an associate or bachelor's degree? Yes No

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Tell us more about your goals.

*** Which community college do you plan to attend?**

Visit List of Colleges if you need help figuring out which college to attend and if they consider you 'in-district'.

*** When are you planning to start classes?**

*** Do you plan to be a part-time or full-time student?**

*** What do you plan to study?**

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How can we contact you?

*** What is your email address?**

We will use this email address to share updates about your application and scholarship. Please provide an address you check regularly.

*** Please confirm your email address.**

*** What is your cell phone number?**

*** Can we text you reminders and resources at this number?** Yes No

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Tell us more about your plans and previous college experience.

i As a Reconnect student, you will have access to a navigator to help you get started. These questions will help your navigator connect you with the best resources. These questions will not be used to determine if you are eligible for Reconnect.

***** Have you ever enrolled at a community college?

***** If you started college in the past but had to stop before graduation, what was the biggest obstacle you faced?

Select N/A if you haven't previously started college.

***** Why did you decide to apply for Reconnect?

***** Have either of your parents earned an associate or bachelor's degree? Yes No

***** Do you plan to work while you are taking classes?

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Create a username and password.

i After you apply, you will be able to view information about your scholarship in the Student Scholarships and Grants online portal. Please provide the following information to create an account.

*** What is your Social Security Number?**

*** Please confirm your Social Security Number.**


*** Choose a username.**
You'll need this to access your Student Portal account.

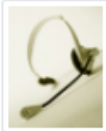
*** Choose a password.**
You'll need this to access your Student Portal account.


*** Please confirm your password.**


*** Choose an account image.**


This image will appear every time you log in to ensure that you are using the official website (not a fraudulent site).














i The next three questions will be used to understand who is applying to Reconnect and help us reach more people. Your responses will not be used to consider your application, and you may choose not to respond. Your responses will be kept private and secure.

*** What is your gender?**


*** What is your race?**

What is your zip code?


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What is your first name?	Mary
What is your last name?	Graham
What is your date of birth?	1/1/1980
Have you lived in Michigan for a year or longer?	Yes
Have you earned a high school diploma, certificate of completion, or high school equivalency (including the GED)?	Yes
Have you already earned an associate or bachelor's degree?	No
Which community college do you plan to attend?	KELLOGG COMMUNITY COLLEGE
When do you plan to attend community college?	Summer 2021
Do you plan to be a part-time or full-time student?	Full Time
What do you plan to study?	Business
What is your email address?	rgraham@nelnet.net
What is your cell phone number?	190-423-0359
Can we text you reminders and resources at this number?	No
Have you ever enrolled at a community college?	I am currently enrolled at a community college
If you started college in the past but had to stop before graduation, what was the biggest obstacle you faced?	Poor academic preparation
Why did you decide to apply for Reconnect?	Getting a job that pays me to do what I do best and love doing
Have either of your parents earned an associate or bachelor's degree?	Yes
Do you plan to work while you are taking classes?	Yes, I plan to work full-time
Choose a username	mgraham1
Your Social Security Number	***_**_****
What is your Gender?	Female
What is your Race?	White/Caucasian
What is your Zip Code?	12345
Security Image	

I confirm the information I have provided in this application is correct. If any information is not accurate, it may prevent you from receiving a Reconnect scholarship.

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Congratulations!

You have been accepted into the Reconnect scholarship program and are on your way toward a tuition-free journey at your local, in-district community college

If you are **currently enrolled** in a community college, you can use Reconnect to continue your education beginning the summer of 2021. Contact your academic advisor to let them know you have been accepted into the Reconnect scholarship.

If you are **not currently enrolled** in community college, you must follow these three steps:

1. **Apply to a Michigan community college** and decide which associate degree or Pell-eligible occupational certificate program you want to enroll in.
2. **Submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)** for a federal Pell grant. You are still eligible for tuition assistance whether you receive the Pell grant or not, but you **MUST** complete a FAFSA. If you receive a Pell grant, those dollars will be applied to your student account first. For more information on how to complete a FAFSA application, go to [Fafsa.ed.gov](https://fafsa.ed.gov). Start on this right away, and contact the Federal Student Aid Customer Service line at 1-800-433-3243 if you are having any trouble.
3. **Enroll in your local community college** and start your first six credits (or more) of coursework.

If you need help with any of the three steps outlined above, call the Customer Care Center at 888-447-2687.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Reconnect ONLY Covers In-District Tuition

Reconnect provides free tuition at an in-district community college - the college that is in the district where you live; if you do not live in the district of the college you attend, Reconnect covers the in-district portion of the tuition but the student must cover the additional out-of-district tuition cost.

To determine if you are an in-district student at a particular college, visit our [List of Colleges](#) page where you can find the contact information for each college and call the college. The college is prepared to help you submit your application, fill out a FAFSA, explore the programs the college offers, and set up an appointment with a Career Counselor at the college.