

PROGRAM GUIDE

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Support to Applicants and Participants

For questions on the Reconnect program (e.g., eligibility, payment) or for technical support while completing the scholarship application:

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

Support for Community Colleges

For questions on Reconnect policy and the application of the practices 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

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

Description & Application

Michigan Reconnect (Reconnect), established with the Michigan Reconnect Grant Act ([PA 68 of 2020](#)) and Michigan Reconnect Grant Recipient Act ([PA 84 of 2020](#)), provides last-dollar tuition-free access to community college for Michigan adults 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. Interested Michiganders must complete a Reconnect application at Michigan.gov/Reconnect. See [Appendix B](#) for screenshots of the application.

The Michigan Reconnect Grant Act (amended [PA 68 of 2020](#)) also includes a Short-Term Training Program (STTP) which will be launching in the 2023-2024 Academic Year. STTP will offer a limited number of one-time grants of up to \$1,500 to students to help cover tuition for career training programs. Many programs at community colleges (in addition to programs offered at private training providers) **could** be eligible for STTP. Once a STTP awardee completes their credential, they are still eligible to apply for and pursue an associate degree or skill certificate with Reconnect. Additional details on STTP will be released when the program launches and are not covered in this handbook.

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 to begin participating in the scholarship program:

2. Apply to and be admitted to one of Michigan's public community colleges
3. File a FAFSA application
4. Enroll in a 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 in MiSSG 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.
 - If the student is already enrolled, they must be at least 25 by the start of the semester for funding to be applied for the semester.
- Must have graduated from high school with a diploma, a certificate of completion, or a high school equivalency certificate.
 - For Reconnect purposes, self-certification (on the Reconnect scholarship application) 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 student has a credential from another country, the credential should be evaluated. If, upon evaluation, it's determined their credential is not the equivalent of an associate degree, the student could be eligible for the scholarship program.

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 in at least one **credit** towards their program of study within a year of submitting their Reconnect scholarship application.

If the accepted Reconnect applicant completes these 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 steps, the student may need to reactivate their Reconnect application in MiSSG by filing a current-year FAFSA.

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Program Eligibility

For renewal of their scholarship, a Reconnect participant must **annually**:

- File the FAFSA and complete verification process (as needed). See [Student Eligibility](#).
 - The student must list the Reconnect eligible institution community college as their first school on the FAFSA for the student to reflect on the MiSSG roster each year.
- Maintain Michigan residency. See [Student Eligibility](#).
- Maintain enrollment in their program of study and earn at least 12 credits in their program of study by the end of an academic year, unless a scholarship leave of absence has been approved. Participants will be evaluated on this criterion once they have begun an academic year.
 - New participants who start on a Fall semester must meet this criterion by the end of the academic year.
 - New participants who start on a Winter/Spring or Summer semester must meet this criterion by the end of the following academic year.
 - If the student does not earn at least 12 credits by the end of the academic year, the institution must report this in MiSSG.
- Maintain satisfactory academic progress (SAP), as defined by the institution, or a cumulative GPA of at least 2.0 at the institution since becoming a Reconnect participant.
 - If the institution is calculating the student's cumulative minimum 2.0 GPA, grades earned prior to the student's participation in Reconnect are not to be considered in the calculation.
 - If the student does not meet SAP and the required GPA minimum, this must be reported in MiSSG as 'SAP and GPA Not Met' and the student will no longer be eligible to continue with the scholarship program.

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 of study in which they are enrolled providing the change is to a Pell-eligible associate degree or industry-recognized certificate program. **Courses for which a student receives Michigan Reconnect funding must go towards their current program of study.** The four-year limit on the length of time one may receive a Reconnect scholarship still applies, regardless of program of study changes.

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 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.

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.

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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 **earn a minimum of 12 credits by the end of the academic year** 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 to **earn the minimum number of credits** (see [Program Eligibility](#)) and the time in which the student was not continuously enrolled does not count toward the **student'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.

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 compliance report to LEO due **every June 30** subsequent to the initial report, which was due June 30, 2021.

In addition to the above 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., **reporting associate degree and certificates earned in MiSSG.**

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

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 list s another institution as their home school.

If a Reconnect applicant does not enroll within one 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.
SAP/GPA Requirement Not Met	Student does not meet SAP at the college or has a cumulative GPA below 2.0 while receiving the Reconnect Scholarship. This calculation will be done at the end of the academic year.
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.

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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 **may be** responsible for covering **any remaining 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 are defined by [Treasury's SSGO State Programs Procedure Manual](#).

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 follows the State Programs Procedure Manual policy on withdraws and enrollment changes.

Reconnect will only pay for developmental education courses offered through a corequisite model. Any additional remediation programs the institution considers appropriate are subject to all the following:

- Serve as a supplement to, not as an alternative, to the corequisite model.
- Evidence-based rationale for the program, to be reported in the annual compliance report.
- Offered at no charge to Reconnect students or offered outside of the tuition and fee structure. Institutions may use foundation or other local funding sources or refer students to adult education providers.

Reconnect will reimburse the college the amount of credit awarded for prior learning by eligible institutions at a rate of \$80.00 per credit hour for credit awarded.

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.

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Packaging Order Considerations

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

Packaging Order

1. Pell Grant
2. Michigan Indian Tuition Waiver (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. Michigan Achievement Scholarship (non-base award)
10. **Other non-tuition restricted awards or funding** that should not be subtracted from the calculation of the scholarship, e.g.:
 - Michigan Achievement Scholarship (base award)
 - 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
11. Veterans' education benefits are excluded from the financial aid packaging order.

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 'SAP/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

In-District Reconnect with Pell Grant Award Calculation

Rick is attending an institution 'in-district.' Rick is enrolled in 12 credits for the semester. Rick has \$3,248 Pell Grant and no Tuition Restricted Scholarships (TRS).

- **In-district (\$175 x 12 credits):** \$2,100
- **Mandatory fees:** \$705
- **Pell Grant + TRS:** \$3,248

Total Balance: '\$2,100 + \$705' = **\$2,805**

Remaining Balance: \$2,805 - \$3,248 = **\$0 Reconnect**

- Because Pell covers the in-district tuition '\$2,805', **Remaining Balance** is fully covered.

Final Balance = \$0. Student does not owe anything.

In-District Reconnect with Pell Grant and Tuition Restricted Scholarship (TRS) Award Calculation

Tom is attending an institution 'in-district.' Tom is enrolled in 9 credits for the semester. Tom has \$1,000 Pell Grant and \$1,000 from TRS.

- **In-district (\$175 x 9 credits):** \$1,575
- **Mandatory fees:** \$705
- **Pell Grant + TRS:** \$2,000

Total Balance: '\$1,575 + \$705' = **\$2,280**

Remaining Balance: \$2,280 - \$2,000 = **\$280 Reconnect**

- Because Reconnect can pay up to '\$2,280', **Remaining Balance** is fully covered.

Final Balance = \$0. Student does not owe anything.

In-District Reconnect Award Calculation with no Pell and no Restricted Tuition Scholarship (TRS)

Alexa is attending an institution 'in-district' Alexa is enrolled in 6 credits for the semester. Alexa has no Pell Grant and no TRS.

- **In-district (\$175 x 6 credits):** \$1,050
- **Mandatory fees:** \$705
- **Pell Grant + TRS:** \$0

Total Balance: '\$1,050 + \$705' = **\$1,755**

Remaining Balance: \$1,755 - \$0 = **\$1,755 Reconnect**

- Because Reconnect can pay up to '\$1,755', **Remaining Balance** is fully covered.

Final Balance = \$0. Student does not owe anything.

Out-of-District Billing Examples

Out-of-District Reconnect with Pell Grant Award Calculation

Lis is attending an institution 'out-of-district'. Lis is enrolled in 12 credits for the semester. Lis has \$3,248 Pell Grant and no Tuition Restricted Scholarships (TRS).

- **In-district (\$175 x 12 credits):** \$2,100
- **Mandatory fees:** \$705
- **Out-of-district (\$200 x 12 credits):** \$2,400
- **Pell Grant + TRS:** \$3,248

Total Balance: '\$2,100 + \$705' + \$2,400 = **\$5,205**

Remaining Balance: \$5,205 - \$3,248 = **\$1,957**

- Because Reconnect can pay up to '\$2,805' (\$2,100+\$705), **Remaining Balance** is fully covered.

Final Balance = \$0. Student does not owe anything.

Out-of-District Reconnect with Pell Grant and Tuition Restricted Scholarship (TRS) Award Calculation

Arya is attending an institution 'out-of-district'. Arya is enrolled in 9 credits for the semester. Arya has \$1,000 Pell Grant and \$1,000 from TRS.

- **In-district (\$175 x 9 credits):** \$1,575
- **Mandatory fees:** \$705
- **Out-of-district (\$200 x 9 credits):** \$1,800
- **Pell Grant + TRS:** \$2,000

Total Balance: '\$1,575 + \$705' + \$1,800 = **\$4,080**

Remaining Balance: \$4,080 - \$2,000 = **\$2,080**

- Because Reconnect can pay up to '\$2,280' (\$1,575 + \$705), **Remaining Balance** is fully covered.

Final Balance = \$0. Student does not owe anything.

Out-of-District Reconnect Award Calculation with no Pell and no Restricted Tuition Scholarship (TRS)

Alex is attending an institution 'out-of-district'. Alex is enrolled in 6 credits for the semester. Alex has no Pell Grant and no TRS.

- **In-district (\$175 x 6 credits):** \$1,050
- **Mandatory fees:** \$705
- **Out-of-district (\$200 x 6 credits):** \$1,200
- **Pell Grant + TRS:** \$0

Total Balance: '\$1,050 + \$705' + \$1,200 = **\$2,955**

Remaining Balance: \$2,955 - \$0 = **\$2,955**

- Because Reconnect can only pay up to '\$1,755' (\$1,050 + \$705), there will be a **Final Balance**.

Final Balance: \$2,955 - '\$1,755' = \$1,200

\$1,200 to be paid by student or other aid.

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.

Need help or have questions? Call the Customer Care Center at 888-447-2687 Monday-Friday from 8:00AM-5:00PM.

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Student Scholarships & Grants

Congratulations!

You have been accepted into the Michigan Reconnect scholarship program. You are one step closer to earning a free or deeply discounted degree or certificate from a Michigan community college.

What's next?

Watch your inbox. You will receive an email from one of our **Student Navigators** in the next one to two weeks. Your Navigator can help you complete the three required steps to use the Michigan Reconnect scholarship towards your community college tuition, which are to:

- **Apply to a Michigan community college** and decide which associate degree or skill certificate program you want to study.
- **File a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)** to see how much federal funding you may qualify for, if any.
- **Enroll in your program of study** and connect with an academic advisor to register for classes.

If you have already completed the above steps (great job!), your Navigator can help with getting your scholarship applied to your tuition bill.

Your Navigator can also help you address finding childcare, transportation, or other concerns that may have prevented you from enrolling in the past.

Are you ready to get started now?

Reach out to the community college you want to attend to confirm if you are "in-district." This important step confirms that 100% of your tuition will be covered. You can still attend a community college where you are "out-of-district," but speak with your college to learn more about whether you'll have any tuition balance leftover. You can find the phone number and email address for all the Michigan community colleges here: [List of Colleges](#).

Congratulations again on taking this important step in your educational journey and career!