

# Michigan Achievement Scholarship Refresher

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**Welcome**



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# **Back to Basics**



# Program Eligibility

Full list on pg. 35 Programs Procedures Manual

- Graduate from high school in Michigan with a diploma, a certificate of completion, or achieved a high school equivalency certificate in 2023 or after (proof of high school completion is required).
- File a current year Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA): **Completed (submitted, completed, and verified)**.
- Demonstrate financial need by having an SAI of **\$30,000** or less.
- Not be incarcerated.
- Not be in default on a Federal student loan.
- Be a U.S. citizen, permanent resident, or approved refugee.
- Be a Michigan resident
- Be an undergraduate student.
- Enroll as an undergraduate student at an eligible institution within **15 months** of high school graduation or earning a high school equivalency certificate.
- Be enrolled **full-time** as determined by the participating institution.
- Be maintaining Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP).



# Renewal Eligibility

In addition to the initial eligibility requirements, to renew, a student must:

- File a current year FAFSA.
- Maintain Michigan residency.
- Be an undergraduate student.
- Be enrolled full-time at a participating institution.
- Be maintaining Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP).



# Award 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.
- **“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



# Packaging Guidance

## Standard Packaging Order

1. All Federal, State, local/outside (including Kalamazoo Promise), or institutional aid in the form of grants, scholarships, discounts, tuition waivers (including Michigan Indian Tuition Waiver), restricted to tuition and mandatory fees.
2. Police Officer's and Firefighter's Survivor Tuition Grant (STG)
3. Children of Veterans Tuition Grant (CVTG)
4. Michigan Competitive Scholarship (MCS) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• MCS is only available to students who have graduated high school (or its equivalent) prior to 2023.</li></ul>
5. Michigan Tuition Grant (MTG)
6. Futures for Frontliners (F4F) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Federal Pell Grant has the first priority in packaging order.</li></ul>
7. Tuition Incentive Program (TIP)
8. Michigan Reconnect (Reconnect)/Michigan Reconnect Expansion (Reconnect Expansion) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Federal Pell Grant has the first priority in packaging order.</li></ul>
9. Fostering Futures Scholarship (FFS) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Include only the tuition/fee portion.</li></ul>
10. Michigan Future Educator Fellowship (MI Fellowship)
11. Federal Pell Grant
12. Promise Zone Scholarship
13. Michigan Achievement Scholarship Minimum Award
14. Michigan Achievement Scholarship Last-dollar Award





# Student example

## **Student 1: Community College attendee**

Annual award limit: \$2,750

Minimum: \$1,750

Last-Dollar: \$ 1,000

Fall Limit: \$1,375

Minimum: \$875

Last-Dollar: \$500



# Term Maximums

- The standard award amount in the Fall semester is half of the annual Minimum and Last-Dollar Awards (or one-third for institutions with terms).
- The standard amount in subsequent semesters/terms will adjust based on the total remaining amount for each student. If a student did not utilize or fully exhaust their Fall award, they can use up to the total remaining annual award in the subsequent semester/term; if funds remain, they can also be used in a remaining subsequent term/semester within the academic year, including Summer.
- Following Fall certification, the subsequent semester/term will update to include any remaining Fall funds, which then becomes the new “standard” amount for a student and therefore, a reduced reason must be used if you will not certify the full new amount.



# Student Example

## Student 2: Public 4-year College attendee

Annual award limit: \$5,500

Minimum: \$2,500

Last-Dollar: \$ 3,000

Fall Enrollment: Half-Time

Minimum: \$0

Last-Dollar: \$0

Summer Enrollment: Full-Time

Minimum: \$ 0

Last-Dollar: \$1,000

Spring Enrollment: Full-Time

Minimum: \$2,500

Last-Dollar: \$2,000



# **15-Month Monitoring**

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# 15-Month Parameters

- Enroll as an undergraduate student at an eligible institution within 15 months of high school graduation or earning a high school equivalency certificate.
- This includes:
  - Students Paid at least \$0.01 of Michigan Achievement Scholarship
  - Students Certified “Full-Time – No – Exceeds COA”



# Monitoring Information

- Development is underway for reports
- The Information Roster currently has a field that indicates the students first semester/term paid
- EX: A student graduated February 2023, their final semester to initiate is Summer 24.
- MI Student Aid Outreach

Graduation Month	Final Semester/Term to Initiate
January	Summer
February	
March	
April	Fall
May	
June	
July	
August	
September	Winter/Spring
October	
November	
December	



# **24-25 SAI Updates**



# 24-25 Number in College

- All students, regardless of the number of people in a household in college, must have a SAI of \$30,000\* or below to meet the financial eligibility criteria for the Michigan Achievement Scholarship.
- Institutions should use their respective Professional Judgement processes to adjust for situations where household size is impacting a student's eligibility.
- MI Student Aid will complete an analysis during Academic Year 2024-25 to review impacted changes to student eligibility for households with two or more students in college and may update this guidance at that time.

\*The SAI of \$30,000 requirement as it pertains to this policy does not include students who are a part of the Academic Year 2024-25 rollover.





# 24-25 SAI Rollover

- Students who received the Michigan Achievement Scholarship in Academic Year 2023-24, and have completed a 2024-25 FAFSA, shall be considered meeting the financial need component of the Michigan Achievement Scholarship for Academic Year 2024-25 regardless of their SAI.
- Received is defined as:
  - A student receiving payment of Michigan Achievement Scholarship, or
  - A student who met all eligibility criteria and was certified as exceeds Cost of Attendance (COA)
- Students must meet all other program eligibility requirements



# 24-25 SAI Rollover

- Report features with rollover information are in development
- Students will have \*Rollover Student displayed at the top of their Michigan Achievement Screen

Michigan Achievement Scholarship Academic Year 2024 - 2025	
Status:	Eligible
*Rollover Student	



**Newly Added**

- **Out-Of-State students**
  - Can now be identified by selecting the "Out-Of-State" checkbox in a student's application screen

High School	<input type="text" value="Out-of-State"/>
HS Grad Month	<input type="text" value="5"/>
HS Grad Year	<input type="text" value="2023"/>
Out of State HS Graduate	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Reason for Update</b>	<input type="text" value="Verified student graduation from an out of state high school."/>



# MiSSG

- **Transfer students**
  - Students who transfer to your institution may have exhausted their annual amount of Michigan Achievement Scholarship at their previous institution. Institutions may view Payment History in MiSSG under the student's record.
- **Subsequent transactions**
  - MiSSG will load all 2024-25 FAFSA transactions processed by FSA; including subsequent transactions through July 10, 2025 (unless a student has an award certified or paid reimbursement for Academic Year 2024-25)
  - Institutions who choose to use a transaction prior to the transaction in MiSSG have the ability to update the SAI and add a comment in the student's application screen



# Updating Student Fields

<b>SSA Citizenship</b>	US Citizen	<b>EFC</b>	<i>n/a</i>
<b>SAP Met</b>	<i>n/a</i>	<b>High School</b>	
<b>Force Ineligible – ACYear</b>	<i>n/a</i>	<b>HS Grad Month</b>	5
<b>Force Ineligible - Permanent</b>	<i>n/a</i>	<b>HS Grad Year</b>	2023
<b>Eligibility Override</b>	<i>n/a</i>	<b>Date of First Payment</b>	Fall, 23/24
<b>Reached Maximum Assistance</b>	<i>n/a</i>	<b>Community College Years Remaining (including current year)</b>	3
<b>Maximum Assistance Override</b>	<i>n/a</i>	<b>Total College Years Remaining (including current year)</b>	4
<b>SAI</b>	38418	<b>Out of State HS Graduate</b>	<i>n/a</i>

**UPDATE APPLICATION INFORMATION** **TRANSFER STUDENT**



# Updating Student Fields

SSA Citizenship	<input type="text" value="US Citizen"/>	High School	<input type="text"/>
SAP Met	<input type="text"/>	HS Grad Month	<input type="text" value="5"/>
SAI	<input type="text" value="38418"/>	HS Grad Year	<input type="text" value="2023"/>
SAI Update Reason	<input type="text" value="Professional Judgment"/>	Out of State HS Graduate	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Professional Judgment</li><li>File Verification</li><li>Dependency Status Change</li><li>Other</li></ul>	Reason for Update	<input type="text"/>
	<input type="button" value="SAVE"/>	<input type="button" value="CANCEL"/>	



**Q & A**





**Thank you!**



# Contact MI Student Aid

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