

Year-end Updates and Reminders • Office of Higher Education

#### Agenda







Closing Out 2024-25 Awards (Stephanie Dillon & Sarah Laycock)



C Looking Ahead (Jessica Hamelink)



# Welcome & Housekeeping

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- Please note that the Webinar is being recorded for future reference and will be shared with you all in a follow up GovDelivery.
- You can submit questions using the Q&A feature at any time.

# Where We Are At Currently

#### Data & Impact

- \$542 million for state grants and financial aid:
  - Michigan Achievement Scholarship \$330 million
  - Michigan Reconnect \$52 million
  - Tuition Incentive Program \$20 million increase to TIP (and growing)
- Plus...
  - \$75 million for MI Future Educator Programs
  - \$10 million Universal FAFSA Challenge Award
  - \$10 million Michigan Achievement Scholarship Marketing/Outreach
  - ~\$1million FAFSA Incentives

#### Data & Impact

- **354% increase** in appropriations from FY19 FY26
- 29.47% increase in the # of students awarded from last year (135,000+)
- 38.79% increase in \$ awarded from last year (\$521,000,000+)



MI Student Aid Program	\$ Total Awarded	# Unique Students
Children of Veterans Tuition Grant	\$1,511,000.00	617
Dual Enrollment	\$3,461,136.98	2,527
Fostering Futures Scholarship	\$1,021,827.00	427
Futures for Frontliners	\$2,352,580.01	1,093
MI Future Educator Fellowship	\$24,473,247.45	2,833
MI Future Educator Stipend	\$34,396,800.00	2,872
MI GEAR UP	\$313,800.00	170
Michigan Achievement Scholarship	\$263,447,689.34	61,437
Michigan Achievement Skills Scholarship	\$2,013,657.00	1,027
Michigan Competitive Scholarship	\$14,146,706.00	9,700
Michigan Tuition Grant	\$21,255,517.00	8,158
Reconnect	\$24,757,681.36	13,421
Reconnect Expansion	\$19,640,396.56	8,585
Survivor Tuition Grant	\$295,054.81	22
Tuition Incentive Program	\$107,975,368.45	38,270

<sup>\*</sup>As of 6/4/2025

## **Timeline Reminders**





#### July 15, 2025

- 2024-25 Application Deadlines for the following programs:
  - Children of Veterans Tuition Grant
  - Michigan Achievement Skills Scholarship (may be extended)
  - Police Officer's and Firefighter's Survivor Tuition Grant

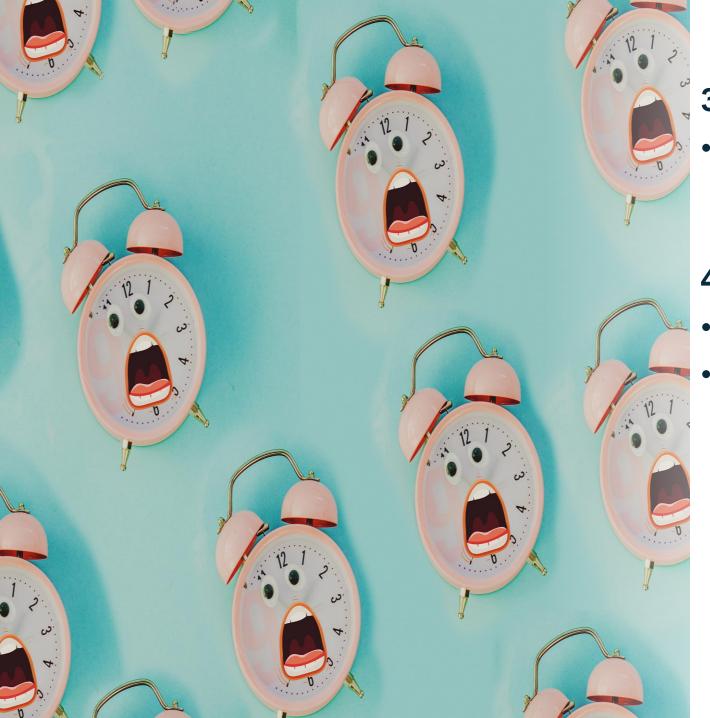


## **2024-25 MI Fellowship Processing Deadlines**

- June 15, 2025:
   Application Deadline
- July 1, 2025: Confirmation of Eligibility deadline
- July 15, 2025: Signing Deadline

## 2025-26 FAFSA Deadline for MCS/MTG

• July 1, 2025



#### **3rd Quarter Deadline**

• For F4F and Reconnect: June 26, 2025, 5:00 p.m.

#### 4th Quarter Deadline

- August 12, 2025, 5:00 p.m.
- Michigan Achievement Skills Scholarship Final Payment September 10, 2025.

#### Reconnect Year-end Reminders

- Reconnect: 12 Credit hours Earned
  - Upload MEC not Met for Reconnect & Reconnect Expansion
  - Students who began as Reconnectors in Spring 2025 or Summer 2025 do not need to be reviewed – all others do – including all expansion students
- Reconnect: SAP or 2.0
  - After reviewing for 12 credit hours, all who did earn 12 credit hours, review for SAP
  - If no to "SAP", do they have a 2.0 since becoming a Reconnectors? Can they appeal? Report to MiSSG in a "Reasonable about of time"
- Report Graduates in MiSSG
- Reconnect & Reconnect 21 Transfer
  - You will receive a list of transfer student MiSSG numbers
  - Please provide us "earned" credit hours
  - Please do not update their status in MiSSG after you receive the list

# Closing Out 2024-25 Awards

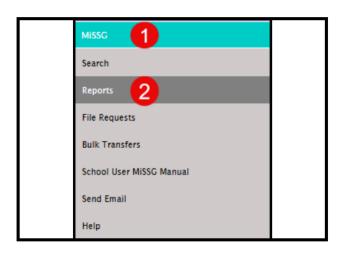
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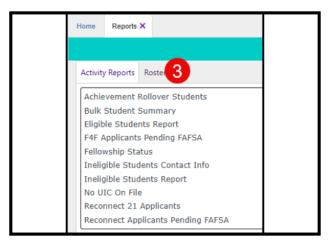
- Complete certifications for all students in the "Ready to Certify" status across all certification programs.
  - Be sure to check certification rosters often.
  - Students are added daily.
- Confirm and finalize all reimbursement requests.
- We want to ensure that all students receive the funds they are eligible for.
   Once the final payment is made, we cannot make any retroactive payments.

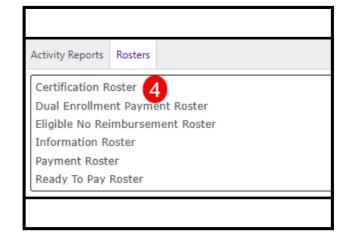
# Complete Certifications

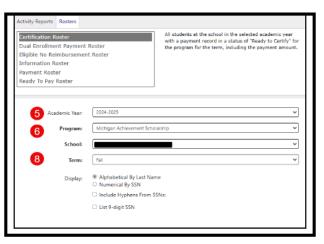
Program	Ready To Certify
Fostering Futures Scholarship - FFS	73
Michigan Competitive Scholarship - MCS	353
MI GEAR UP	42
MI Future Educator Stipend	90
Michigan Tuition Grant - MTG	51
Michigan Achievement Scholarship	33352

# Where to Find Certification Rosters



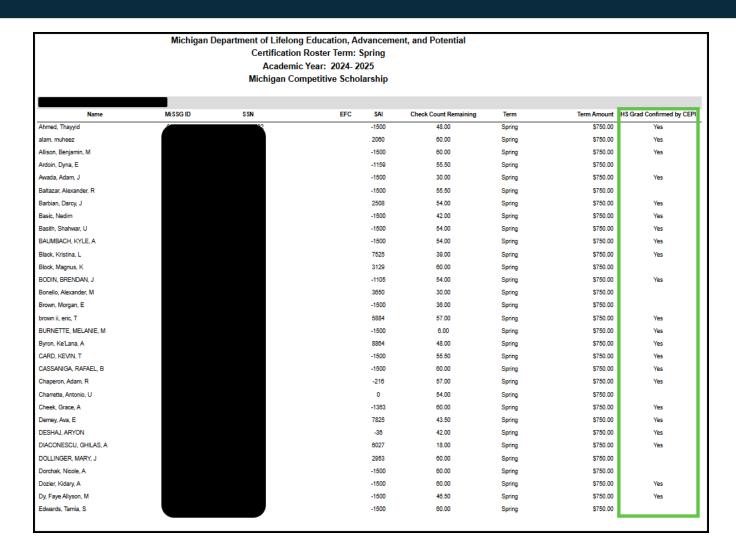






#### **Certification Rosters**

All students at the institution in the selected academic year with a payment record in a status of "Ready to Certify" for the program for the term, including the payment amount.



#### Final Reimbursement Requests

#### **Program**

Children of Veterans Tuition Grant - CVTG

Futures for Frontlines/Path 2 – F4F

MI Future Educator Fellowship

MI Reconnect and MI Reconnect Expansion

Police Officer's and Fire Fighter's Survivor Tuition Grant - STG

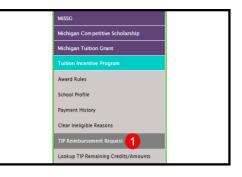
Tuition Incentive Program - TIP

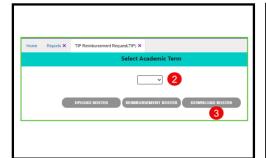
## Final Reimbursement Requests

- Confirm students listed on the Reimbursement Roster(s) are eligible at your institution.
- Give time to get your final reimbursements submitted in MiSSG.
- Double check file format before uploading
  - If there is a major issue with the file format, it will crash the MiSSG upload interface. This will prevent other institutions files from uploading.

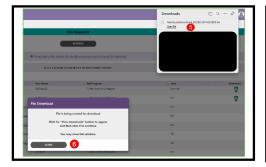
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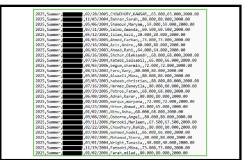








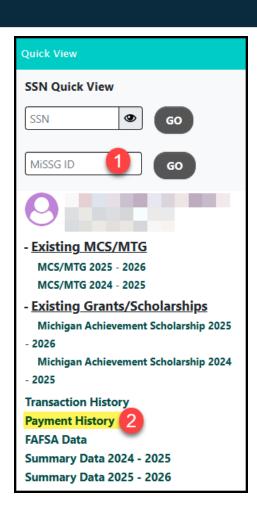




#### Reconcile Awards & Adjustments

- It is critical to reconcile all awards prior to 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter close.
- No payments or adjustments can be issued after 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter payment.
- Reconciliation may include adjusting paid awards.
- NOTE: Adjustments made for TIP where the credits are not changing must go through an agency user.

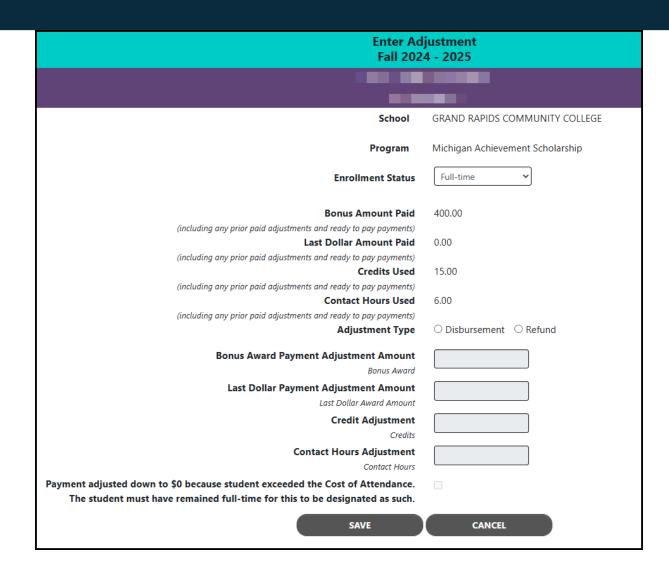
## Adjustments





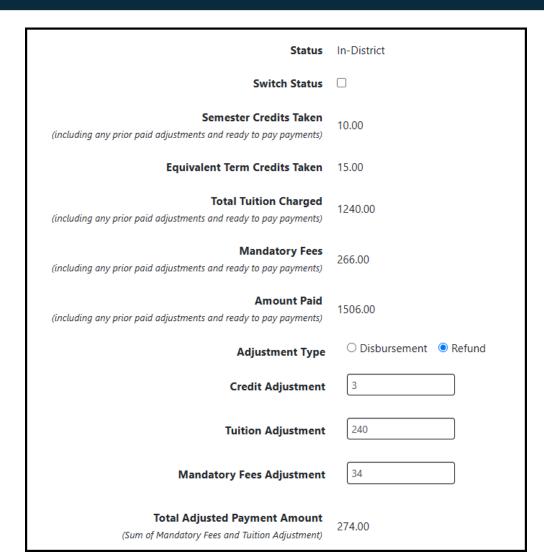
- 1. Navigate to student using Quick View
- 2. Select "Payment History"
- 3. Select hyperlinked payment that needs adjustment

## Adjustment Cont.



- 1. Enter your adjustment
- 2. All fields must be completed
- 3. Select Save to process

## Adjustment Example

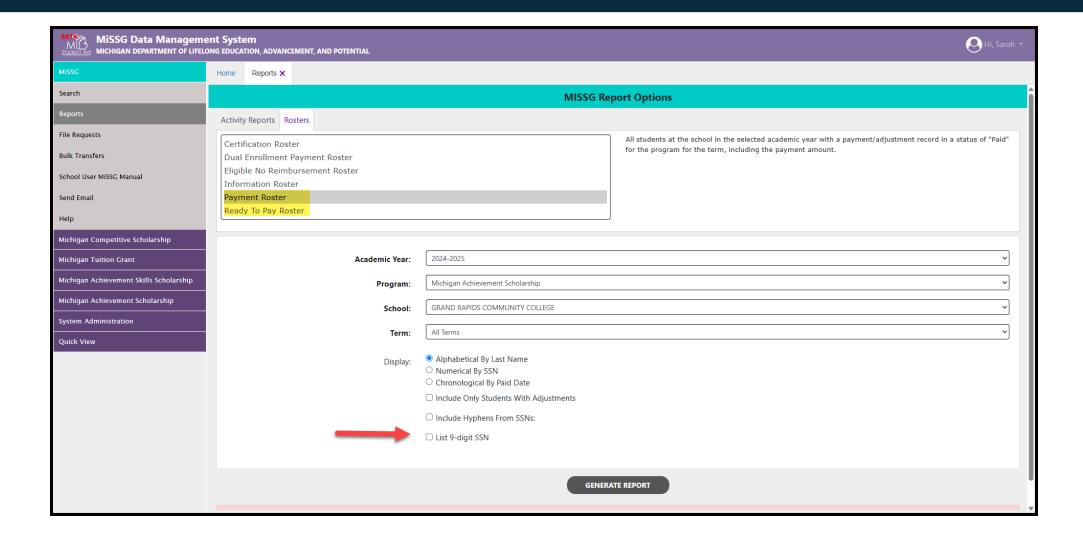


- TIP Adjustment (Refund)
  - 3 credits reduced
  - \$240 Tuition reduced
  - \$34 Mandatory Fee reduced

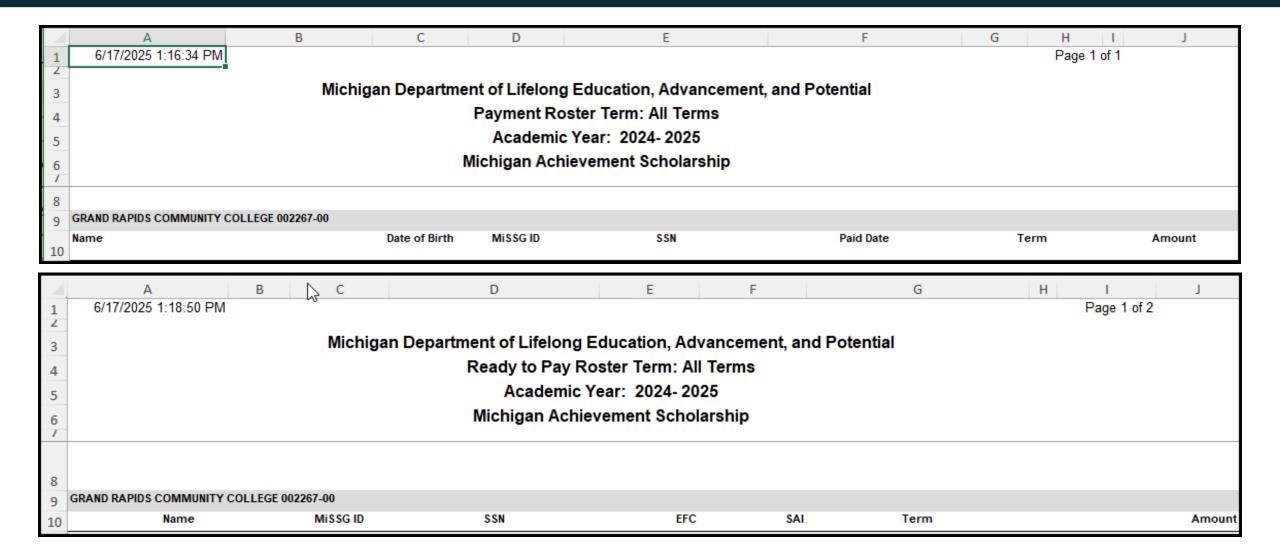
#### Reconciliation

- Process of comparing the students at your institution to the students who have been "Paid" or in "Ready-to-Pay" status in MiSSG.
- You should access both the Payment Roster AND Ready-to-Pay Roster from MiSSG to capture all students during this process.

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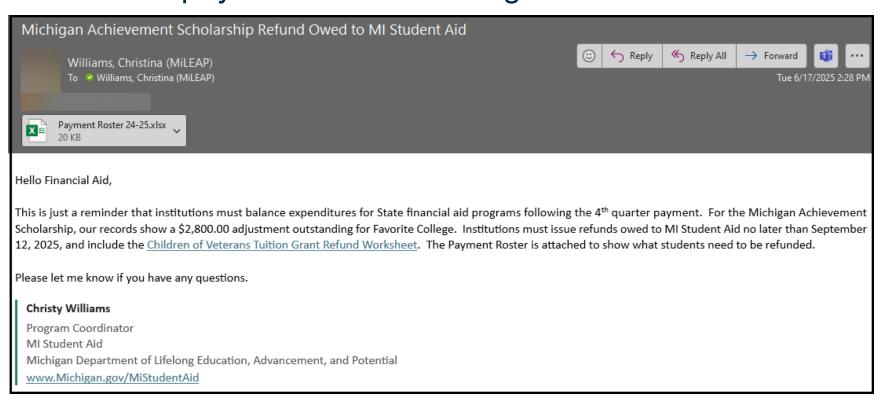




All institutions must balance expenditures for State financial aid programs following the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter final payment for the 2024-25 academic year, which is August 13, 2025. Institutions must issue any refunds owed to MI Student Aid no later than September 12, 2025.

The program coordinator will email institutions after the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter payment with a dollar amount and payment roster showing what students need to be

refunded.



#### **Refund Worksheets:**

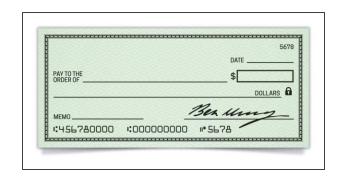
Revised 11-2024 Reset Form MI Student Aid Refund Worksheet for Michigan Achievement Scholarship When is this form to be used? 1. If an adjustment is not possible in MiSSG, you need to complete and return this form to MI Student Aid with a physical check. 2. If an adjustment is made; however, your institution's balance is insufficient, complete and return this form to MI Student Aid with a physical check. 3. If an institutional audit is complete and money has been improperly paid for a previous fiscal year, complete and return this form to MI Student Aid with a physical check. If your refund does not fit one of these parameters, contact MI Student Aid's Customer Care Center at 888-447-2687 for further assistance. The check must be attached to the form to ensure proper processing. Institutions must return funds if students do not meet the enrollment standard, do not make satisfactory academic progress, if a student withdraws, or otherwise does not meet program requirements after final payment. Form and check should be sent to the refund specific P.O. Box listed at the bottom of this form. NOTE: Institutions should not complete a refund for the current year until after the 4th quarter payment and/or notification is received from the program coordinator. Any differences in aggregate amounts awarded and paid are designed to net out naturally over the course of the four quarterly payments. If you need to make a current year adjustment, do so in MISSG. The procedures can be found in the MISSG Technical Manuals under "Adjustments for Reimbursement" or "Refunding Paid Reimbursements" sections of each program. Last-dollar Minimum Last-dollar Minimum Semester Student Name MISSG ID Reason for Refund Award Award Award Award Refund Amount Amount Amount Amount Total \$ 0.00 Use page 2 for additional entries Authorized Signature Make checks payable to: State of Michigan The Michigan Department of Lifelong Education, Advancement, and Send form and check to: MI Student Aid, Refunds, P.O. Box 30782, Lansing, MI 48909 Potential is not affiliated with National Merit Scholarship Corporation or its registered trademarks National Achievement", Achievement Scholarship", Phone: 888-447-2687, Fax: 517-241-5835, E-mail: mistudentaid@michigan.gov or Achievement Scholar<sup>b</sup>.

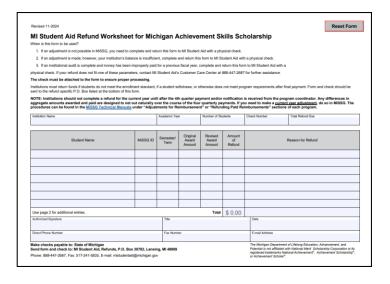
Please mail refund checks and refund worksheet by September 12, 2025.

Make checks payable to: State of Michigan

Send check and refund worksheet to:

MI Student Aid Refunds
P.O. Box 30782
Lansing, MI 48909





# Poll



#### **Polling Questions**

- What is your institutions status for Q4 certification/reimbursement completion?
  - Completed
  - Nearly completed
  - Still working
  - Will begin following webinar
- Would you support implementing an August 1<sup>st</sup> deadline for students becoming eligible for Michigan Achievement Scholarship.
  - Due to the volume of students in this program, there were tight turnaround times for institutions last academic year.
  - Students will still be able to be certified until the Q4 deadline.
  - No new students will be added to your certification roster after the August 1<sup>st</sup> deadline.

# Looking Ahead



#### 2025-26 Key Details

- Currently Monitoring FY26 Budget
- High School Verification
  - 72% of 2022-23 Program Reviews have failed High School Verification requiring returned funds.
- 2025-26 Reports are now Available.
- MCS Budget Entry Deadline
  - 9/30/2025
- TIP Rate Entry Deadline
  - 9/30/2025

## Resources



#### Resources

- State Financial Aid Programs Lead Contact Information in MiSSG can review and update now.
- 2025-26 MiSSG Security College Access Form will be available soon.
- 2025-26 State Programs Procedures Manual will be available in August.
- Continue to monitor and review MiSSG Newsbox and GovDelivery messages.
- Open Office Hours will continue in 2025-26! Last Thursday of every month from 1 – 1:30 pm.

#### Thank You!

- College Partners Survey 86 Respondents
  - 56% Public 2-year Colleges, 26% Public 4-year Colleges, 16% Private 4-year Colleges

Experience Levels	Mix of veteran and newer staff in state aid administration
Pain Points	Policy clarity, tight implementation timelines, resource gaps
Successes	MiSSG tools, email/webinar outreach, overall support
Needs Moving Forward	Streamlined policies, more training, stronger staff support

 Financial Aid Advisory Interest Form – Next Steps Internal Review/Selection

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