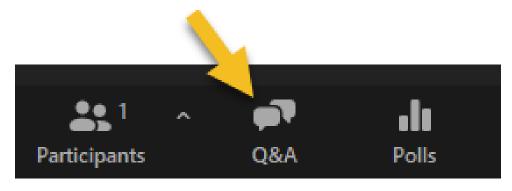


Michigan Achievement Scholarship 15-Month Initiation Updates

Zoom Q&A Feature



- Utilize the Q&A button to submit questions.
- There will be Q&A time at the end of the presentation
- We may not be able to respond to every question, but will follow up with additional information as needed

15-Month Basics

- Students are required to initiate within 15-Months from High School Graduation.
- MiSSG will track students' 15-month eligibility.*
- Once initiated, 5-year clock begins.
- Students may initiate via Skills, Community College Guarantee or Michigan Achievement Scholarship 4-Year.

Example: A student completed high school requirements in February of 2025, their final semester to initiate will be Summer of 2026.

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

Pathways to Initiation - Traditional

- Traditional Initiation is defined as:
 - A Michigan Achievement Scholarship or Michigan Achievement Skills Scholarship payment of \$0.01 or greater, or
 - The certification of a Michigan Achievement Scholarship award as "no Full-Time exceeds COA/T&F."
 - Within the 15-Month period

Example Traditional

- Isabelle graduated June of 2024:
 - Final semester to initiate would be Fall 2025.
 - She was enrolled Full-time and paid Community College Guarantee in Spring 2025.
 - Isabelle has met the traditional initiation requirement.

Pathways to Initiation - Expanded

- Expanded Eligibility:
 - Starting 2025-26, students will meet the requirement if they enroll in an eligible institution within 15-months at any enrollment level.
- Eligibility can be met even without a FAFSA on file at the time of their enrollment, not meeting SAP, less than full-time enrollment, etc.

Example Expanded

- Cody graduated May of 2023:
 - Final semester to initiate would be Fall 2024.
 - He was enrolled half-time in Fall and Spring of 2024-25.
 - Cody has met the expanded initiation requirement.
 - His initiation semester will be Fall 2024.

Other details

- Traditional Initiation process has not changed.
- No retroactive awards for previous academic years.
- Schools should continue to monitor 15-Month requirements using MiSSG 'Remaining Eligibility' and 'Information Roster' reports.
- NEW students who initiate using the expanded process will not have the initiation year counted against their Community College three-year limit.
- The academic year in which a student initiates using either pathway is the start of their five-year clock.

MiSSG Implementation

- Reports
 - Information Roster
 - Remaining Eligibility Report
- Automated Process
 - Data in MiSSG
- Manual Process
 - Data schools possess

Automated process

- Evaluates student's enrollment during 15-Month Initiation period.
- Qualifying students will have their "Did not enroll within 15-Months" status cleared without intervention from schools.
- Students will need to meet all other criteria to be eligible.

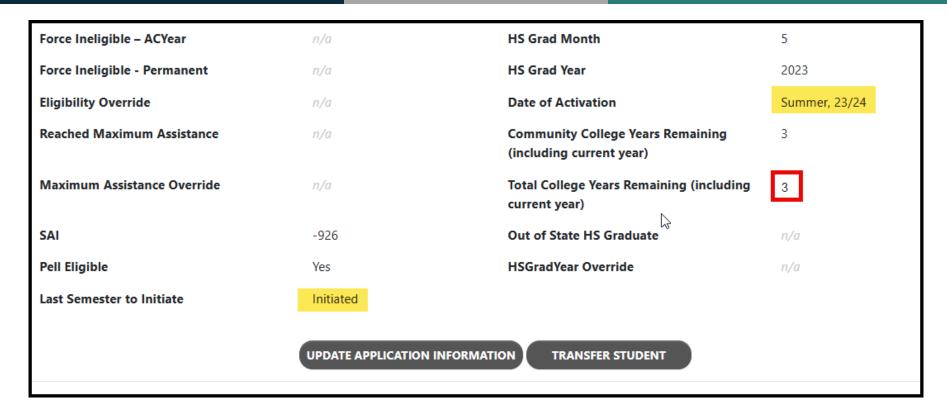




 Student who was enrolled less than Full-time during 15-Month Initiation period.



 They are now eligible in MiSSG through the automated evaluation process.



 Their Student application screen will update with their activation and years remaining data.

Manual process

- Used in specific scenarios
 - No FAFSA on file
 - Ineligible during 15-Month period due to SAI
 - Student certified as Not Enrolled at other school
 - Etc.
- Schools will be responsible for processing these students

Currently in Development

- Similar to the clear ineligible reasons process
- Bulk clearing option on screen
- Clearing on student level
- No file upload will be available
- Data schools will need

Manual Process - Data

- Schools will need to provide the following data points:
 - Student information
 - School they were enrolled at when they met the enrollment requirement
 - Academic Year
 - Semester/Term
- Transfer students
 - If you identify a student using transcripts from transfer, please make sure those transcripts are retained.

Questions?