

Michigan Achievement Scholarship Packaging

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Eligibility

To be considered for a Michigan Achievement Scholarship Award, a student must:

- Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).
- Demonstrate financial need by having an Expected Family Contribution (EFC) of \$25,000 or less.
- Be a Michigan resident since July 1 of the previous calendar year.
 - If a dependent student, parent(s) must also be a Michigan resident since July 1 of the previous calendar year.
- Graduate from high school in Michigan with a diploma or a certificate of completion or achieved a high school equivalency certificate in 2023 or after.
- Enroll full-time as defined by the eligible institution.
 - Eligible institutions include Michigan community colleges, tribal colleges, and public or private universities.
- Enroll at an eligible institution within 15 months of high school graduation or earning a high school equivalency certificate.
- Students are not eligible if they are incarcerated or are in default on a federal student loan.

Award Amount

Qualifying students may be eligible for:

- Up to \$2,750 if they attend a Michigan community college or tribal college, per year
 - \$1,750 Michigan Achievement Scholarship Minimum Award
 - \$1,000 Michigan Achievement Scholarship Last-dollar Award
- Up to \$5,500 if they attend a Michigan public university, per year
 - \$2,500 Michigan Achievement Scholarship Minimum Award
 - \$3,000 Michigan Achievement Scholarship Last-dollar Award
- Up to \$4,000 if they attend a Michigan private college or university, per year
 - \$1,000 Michigan Achievement Scholarship Minimum Award
 - \$3,000 Michigan Achievement Scholarship Last-dollar Award

Term Maximums

Michigan Achievement Scholarship Minimum Award

- Community College/Tribal College
 - Fall \$875
 - Spring \$875 + any remaining from prior term
 - Summer (any remaining from prior terms)
- Michigan Public University
 - Fall \$1,250
 - Spring \$1,250 + any remaining from prior term
 - Summer (any remaining from prior terms)
- Michigan Private College or University
 - Fall \$500
 - Spring \$500 + any remaining from prior term
 - Summer (any remaining from prior terms)

Michigan Achievement Scholarship Last-dollar Award

- Community College/Tribal College
 - Fall \$500
 - Spring \$500 + any remaining from prior term
 - Summer (any remaining from prior terms)
- Michigan Public University
 - Fall \$1,500
 - Spring \$1,500 + any remaining from prior term
 - Summer (any remaining from prior terms)
- Michigan Private College or University
 - Fall \$1,500
 - Spring \$1,500 + any remaining from prior term
 - Summer (any remaining from prior terms)

Definitions

“Michigan Achievement Scholarship Minimum Award” All eligible participants will receive a minimum award. The minimum award must first be applied towards Tuition and Mandatory Fees and any remaining minimum award after gift aid may be applied towards Cost of Attendance (COA).

“Michigan Achievement Scholarship Last-dollar Award” must be applied towards Tuition and Mandatory Fees.

“Last-dollar payment amount” means an amount equal to the tuition cost for an eligible student’s courses at the resident rate, regardless of whether the student actually incurred that rate, plus the student’s mandatory fees, minus all gift aid received by the student.

“Resident rate” means the lowest tuition rate charged to in-state students by the eligible institution, including, if any, an in-district tuition rate.”

“Mandatory Fees” must be fees specified in the institution’s course catalog as mandatory for all students as a condition of enrollment.

Mandatory fees do not include (unless charged to all students):

- Course-specific fees
- Lab fees
- Athletic fees
- Parking fees
- Any ‘one-time’ fees

“Gift aid” includes:

- Federal Pell grants under 20 USC 1070a,
- Tuition Incentive Program benefits under Public Act 144 of 2022, Section 256,
- State tuition grants under Public Act 144 of 2022, 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, or VA benefits restricted to tuition and mandatory fees.

Gift aid does not include:

- Other non-tuition specific state aid,
- Other non-tuition specific institutional aid,
- Other non-tuition specific local/outside aid,
- Student loans,
- Work-study awards,

- Qualified withdrawals made from education savings accounts to pay higher education expenses pursuant to the Michigan Education Savings Program Act, 2000 Public Act 161 of 2000, MCL 390.1471 to 390.1486, and,
- Higher education expenses paid under the Michigan education trust program pursuant to the Michigan Education Trust Act, 1986 Public Act 316 of 1986, MCL 390.1421 to 390.1442.

Michigan Achievement Scholarship Packaging Order

The packaging order is:

1. Police Officer's and Firefighter's Survivor Tuition Grant (STG)
2. Children of Veterans Tuition Grant (CVTG)
3. Michigan Tuition Grant (MTG)
4. Tuition Incentive Program (TIP)
5. Michigan Reconnect (Reconnect)*
6. Fostering Futures Scholarship (FFS)
 - a. Include only the tuition/fee portion.
7. Promise Zone Scholarship
8. Pell
9. All other federal, state, local/outside (including Kalamazoo Promise), or institutional aid in the form of grants, scholarships, discounts, or VA benefits restricted to tuition and mandatory fees.
10. Michigan Achievement Scholarship Minimum Award
11. Michigan Achievement Scholarship Last-dollar Award

*Pell must be applied first per [Reconnect](#) program rules provided in their respective handbook published by the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity (LEO).

Michigan Achievement Scholarship Standard Calculations

- All eligible participants will receive a minimum award. The minimum award must first be applied towards Tuition and Mandatory Fees and any remaining minimum award after gift aid may be applied towards Cost of Attendance (COA).
- Students eligible for Michigan Achievement Scholarship may **not** also receive Michigan Competitive Scholarship.

Community College/Tribal College

	Pell	No Pell
Tuition/Fee Specific	\$6,000	\$6,000
Other Tuition-specific Aid	\$1,000	\$1,000
State Tuition-specific Aid*	\$2,700	\$2,700
Pell	\$1,500	\$0
Michigan Achievement Scholarship Minimum Award	\$1,750	\$1,750
Total Gift Aid	\$6,950	\$5,450
Michigan Achievement Scholarship Last-dollar Award	\$0	\$550

Public 4-Year Institutions

	Pell	No Pell
Tuition/Fee Specific	\$15,000	\$15,000
Other Tuition-specific Aid	\$6,000	\$6,000
State Tuition-specific Aid*	\$1,000	\$1,000
Pell	\$6,895	\$0
Michigan Achievement Scholarship Minimum Award	\$2,500	\$2,500
Total Gift Aid	\$16,395	\$9,500
Michigan Achievement Scholarship Last-dollar Award	\$0	\$3,000

Private Non-Profit 4-Year Institutions

	Pell	No Pell
Tuition/Fee Specific	\$30,000	\$30,000
Other Tuition-specific Aid	\$10,000	\$10,000
State Tuition-specific Aid*(including MTG)	\$4,000	\$4,000
Pell	\$2,000	\$0
Michigan Achievement Scholarship Minimum Award	\$1,000	\$1,000
Total Gift Aid	\$17,000	\$15,000
Michigan Achievement Scholarship Last-dollar Award	\$3,000	\$3,000

Michigan Achievement Scholarship Last-dollar Award Calculations

\$	Lowest tuition rate charged to in-state students (OR) in-district tuition rate. (Do not include contact hour charges.)
+ \$	plus the student's mandatory fees.
= \$	Tuition + Fees Subtotal.
- \$	<p>Minus gift aid received by the student. Gift Aid includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Federal Pell grants, • Tuition Incentive Program (TIP), • State tuition grants/scholarships that are tuition/fee specific, • Michigan Achievement Scholarship Minimum Award, • Higher education expenses paid under the Michigan Promise Zone Authority Act, • All other federal, state, local/outside, or institutional aid in the form of grants, scholarships, discounts or VA benefits restricted to tuition and mandatory fees. <p>*Students eligible for Michigan Achievement Scholarship may not also receive Michigan Competitive Scholarship.</p> <p>Gift aid does not include other non-tuition specific state aid, non-tuition specific institutional aid, other non-tuition specific local/outside aid, student loans, work-study awards, qualified withdrawals made from education savings accounts to pay higher education expenses, or higher education expenses paid under the Michigan Education Trust (MET).</p>
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= \$	Subtotal Tuition + Fees – Gift Aid (if < \$0 enter zero)
\$	<p>Enter the maximum annual values per the student's institution type:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MI Community College/Tribal College (\$500 Fall / \$500 Spring = \$1,000) (3-year limit) • MI Public University (\$1,500 Fall / \$1,500 Spring = \$3,000) (5-year limit) • MI Private College/University (\$1,500 Fall / \$1,500 Spring = \$3,000) (5-year limit)
Annual Max	
\$	Award the lowest value of the two shaded values above as the Michigan Achievement Scholarship Last-dollar Award amount for the academic year.

Michigan Achievement Scholarship FAQs

Does the FAFSA have to be complete and verified?

Yes. If after verification, the EFC changes a new Institutional Student Information Record (ISIR) will be received by the MiSSG data management system.

Are both credit hours and contact hours allowable?

No. Only credit hours may be considered.

Do we calculate the actual tuition charges that a student is taking based on their number of credits?

Yes. The calculation must be based on the lowest tuition rate charged to in-state/in-district students at your institution.

Are there exceptions to full-time if a student only needs fewer credits in their degree to graduate?

The student must be enrolled at least full-time or its equivalent, as defined by the institution.

Do students need to be in a degree-granting program to qualify for Michigan Achievement Scholarship?

Yes, students must be in a degree-granting program to qualify. However, courses outside of the student's degree program may be included in determining the student's full-time enrollment status and costs.

Will the Michigan Achievement Scholarship Minimum Award and Michigan Achievement Scholarship Last-dollar Award be tracked separately?

Yes. Institutions will be presented with and will certify two separate award amounts for Michigan Achievement Scholarship.

Can you explain why the Michigan Achievement Scholarship Minimum Award is included in the Gift Aid?

Per P.A. 212 of 2022, Sec. 248 (2c), awards received for minimum payments awarded in subsection (4) must be included in the Gift Aid calculation. Subsection (4a – e) references the details on the minimum payment calculations.