



Michigan Competitive Scholarship Fact Sheet Academic Year 2012-13



Description

The Michigan Competitive Scholarship program is available to undergraduate students pursuing their first degrees at an approved Michigan postsecondary institution. Students must demonstrate both financial need and merit and eligible applicants must achieve a qualifying ACT score prior to entering college.

Application

Applicants must file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Students whose FAFSA is received by March 1 will receive priority consideration. Students are encouraged to file their FAFSA on the Web at www.fafsa.gov. Paper forms are available from the Federal Student Aid Information Center by calling 1-800-4-FED-AID or a printable version can be accessed on the Web site www.federalstudentaid.ed.gov. Students must file a renewal FAFSA every year to determine possible continued program eligibility. Students are responsible for notifying the Student Scholarships and Grants (SSG) of a change in their college choice.

Program Limits

Awards are restricted to tuition and mandatory fees. Awards may pay a maximum of \$575 per academic year at a Michigan public college or university or \$1,512 per academic year at a Michigan independent college or university¹. Program eligibility ends when a student has received a baccalaureate degree, after completing the equivalent of ten (10) semesters or 15 terms, or when a student has been out of high school over ten years, whichever occurs first. Future awards are subject to available and approved funding.

Eligibility *Failure to meet these requirements could affect eligibility for an award.*

- Provide your Social Security number to SSG by phone by fall of senior year in high school.
- Achieve a qualifying score on the ACT prior to entering college.
- Possess a high school diploma, certificate of completion, or general educational development (GED) certificate.
- Demonstrate financial need.
- Enroll at least half time at an approved Michigan community college, public university or independent, degree-granting college or university (cannot be an institution whose primary purpose is to prepare students for ordination or appointment as a member of the clergy of a church, denomination or religious sect).
- Be a Michigan resident since July 1 of the previous calendar year.
- Be a U.S. citizen, permanent resident or approved refugee.
- Not be incarcerated.
- For renewal, maintain a minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.0.
- For renewal, meet institution's satisfactory academic progress (SAP) policy.
- Not be in default on a federal student loan.

Other Gift Aid

It is the responsibility of the college financial aid office to coordinate all sources of aid for which you may be eligible. Other gift aid may reduce or cancel this award.

For More Information

Visit www.michigan.gov/ssg. Contact the Michigan Competitive Scholarship program, Student Scholarships and Grants, toll free at 1-888-4-GRANTS (1-888-447-2687), e-mail ssg@michigan.gov or fax (517) 241-5835.

¹ Students attending Baker College or Davenport University should contact their college financial aid office about the award amount.

