



Michigan Competitive Scholarship Fact Sheet Academic Year 2017-18

Description

The Michigan Competitive Scholarship (MCS) program is available to undergraduate students pursuing their first degree at an approved Michigan postsecondary institution. Students must demonstrate both financial need and merit. Eligible applicants must achieve a qualifying SAT score of at least 1200 prior to entering college. (NOTE: Prior to the Class of 2017, eligible applicants must have achieved a qualifying ACT score of at least 23 (composite) or 90 (scaled 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.** The FAFSA allows students to list multiple colleges when filing. Because Student Scholarships and Grants (SSG) does not know which college the student will select, **the award is based on the first college listed.** Students must file a renewal FAFSA every year to determine possible continued program eligibility. **The student is responsible for notifying SSG of a change of address or college choice, via the MiSSG Student Portal (www.michigan.gov/missg) or by phone at 888-447-2687.**

Program Limits

Awards are restricted to tuition and mandatory fees. Awards pay up to a maximum of \$1,000¹ per academic year at an approved Michigan community college or public university. Program eligibility ends when a student has received a baccalaureate degree, after completing the equivalent of ten semesters (or term equivalent), 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 your senior year in high school.**
- Achieve a qualifying SAT score of at least 1200 prior to entering college.
Prior to the Class of 2017, eligible applicants must have achieved a qualifying ACT score of at least 23 (composite) or 90 (scaled score) prior to entering college.
- Possess a high school diploma or its recognized equivalent.
- Demonstrate financial need.
- Enroll at least half time at an approved **Michigan community college or public university.**
- Be a Michigan resident since July 1 of the previous calendar year. If a dependent student, parent must also 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, must meet institution's Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) policy.
- Must not be in default on a Federal/State 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 <http://www.michigan.gov/mistudentaid>. Contact the Michigan Competitive Scholarship program, **Student Scholarships and Grants**, toll free at 888-447-2687, e-mail mistudentaid@michigan.gov, or fax (517) 241-5835.

¹ Award amount is subject to legislative changes annually.

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Participating Institutions²

Alpena Community College	Mid Michigan Community College
Bay de Noc Community College	Monroe County Community College
Bay Mills Community College	Montcalm Community College
Central Michigan University	Mott Community College
Delta College	Muskegon Community College
Eastern Michigan University	North Central Michigan College
Ferris State University	Northern Michigan University
Glen Oaks Community College	Northwestern Michigan College
Gogebic Community College	Oakland Community College
Grand Rapids Community College	Oakland University
Grand Valley State University	Saginaw Valley State University
Henry Ford College	Saint Clair County Community College
Jackson College	Schoolcraft College
Kalamazoo Valley Community College	Southwestern Michigan College
Kellogg Community College	University of Michigan - Ann Arbor
Kirtland Community College	University of Michigan - Dearborn
Lake Michigan College	University of Michigan - Flint
Lake Superior State University	Washtenaw Community College
Lansing Community College	Wayne County Community College
Macomb Community College	Wayne State University
Michigan State University	West Shore Community College
Michigan Technological University	Western Michigan University

² SSG will make your initial award based on the first Michigan school listed on your FAFSA. You may change your college choice via the MiSSG Student Portal (www.michigan.gov/missg) or by phone at 888-447-2687.