Michigan Tuition Grant: Affordability and Access

Private colleges, public purpose

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We support:

● Forward looking tuition restraint that is set for 2 years. This will help institutions plan and ensure students have the most accurate information in financial award letters.

● Moving past TANF, investing general fund in student grants and scholarships.

● Providing additional financial support for community college students.
The college enrollment cliff is dramatic, with fewer and fewer high school grads and fewer of those choosing to attend college.

66% down to 49.1%*

30,000+ fewer students enrolling each year
= 5 freshman classes at independent colleges

2009/2010 compared to 2022/2023

Enrollment in college or university w/in 6-12 months of HS graduation

* Updated data from 2022-2023 HS class from CEPI
Positive enrollment trends align with increasing aid.
INDEPENDENT STUDENTS AT-A-GLANCE

Data from Michigan's independent, non-profit higher education institutions, 2024

- 65,395 students enrolled
- 15,386 degrees & certificates awarded
- 11,030 Bachelor's degrees awarded
- 3 out of 10 undergraduates receive Pell grants
- 6 out of 10 students are women
- 6 out of 10 degrees are awarded to women
- 4 out of 10 students are people of color
- 4 out of 10 degrees are awarded to students of color
- 97% grads completing in 6 years or fewer
- 10% of undergraduates transferred from a community college
$1.3 billion institutional grants & discounts

$22,082 avg institutional student grant

11:1 student to faculty ratio

5 out of 10 undergrads do not take student loans

30% of undergrads over age 25 in Michigan are enrolled at independent institutions

1 out of every 3 independent undergraduates from Michigan qualifies for the Michigan Tuition Grant

97 percent of undergraduates receive institutional grants or scholarships

74 percent of students at independent colleges are from Michigan

1% of the Michigan higher education budget

20% of the bachelor's degrees awarded in Michigan

Unless otherwise noted, data is from FY 2023. For more information please visit: micolleges.org
Institutional Aid

$1.3 billion total spending on student grants and discounts

MICU members match MTG $36:$1

180% increase in institutional grants and scholarships per student since 2010
Free-tuition programs associated with Michigan Achievement Scholarship & Michigan Tuition Grant
Who gets the Michigan Tuition Grant?

- ~15,000 students in Michigan receive the MTG
- 3,126 students receive both Achievement and MTG, (1st Achievement class started in fall 2023)
- 43% of MTG students also receive Pell (about 6,000 students)
- Students from every legislative district in the state

- 2,200 students are over the age 25 receive MTG (18% of the total)**
- 127+ MTG recipients are over the age of 50**
- Over 250 veterans and family members of service members receive MTG**

**None of these students would qualify for the Achievement Scholarship
<table>
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<tr>
<th>Financial Aid Program</th>
<th>Amount 2023-2024</th>
<th>Can cover non-tuition expenses?</th>
<th>Packaging Rules</th>
<th>Age Limitation</th>
<th>Timing Limitation</th>
<th>Institution restriction</th>
<th>Other eligibility restrictions</th>
<th>Separate Application Required other than FAFSA</th>
<th>Degree/certificate level covered</th>
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<tr>
<td>Michigan Achievement Scholarship (MAS)</td>
<td>$2,750 (CC) $4,000 (Ind.) $8,000 (Public U)</td>
<td>Yes, a portion of the grant</td>
<td>Portion of scholarship is applied to cost of attendance, other is post-Pell tuition and fee specific</td>
<td>None</td>
<td>3 years (CC) 5 years (4-yr)</td>
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<td>Student must enter full-time within 15 months of HS or equivalent completion</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>Degree/certificates, full-time enrollment required</td>
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<td>Michigan Tuition Grant (MTG)</td>
<td>$3,000</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>Tuition and fee specific, applied BEFORE Pell</td>
<td>None</td>
<td>10 semesters</td>
<td>Independent Institutions only</td>
<td>Demonstrate financial need as defined by &quot;Cost of Attendance - EFC (SAI)&quot;</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>Associate and bachelor's level only (no certificates)</td>
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<td>Michigan Competitive Scholarship (MCS)</td>
<td>$1,500</td>
<td>Yes (if student has Michigan Education Trust)</td>
<td>Tuition and fee specific, applied BEFORE Pell</td>
<td>10 years after high school graduation</td>
<td>10 semesters</td>
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<td>Demonstrate financial need as defined by &quot;Cost of Attendance - EFC (SAI)&quot;</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>Associate and bachelor's level only (no certificates)</td>
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<td>Children of Veterans Tuition Grant (CVTG)</td>
<td>$2,800</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>Tuition and fee specific, applied BEFORE Pell</td>
<td>Must be between 16-26</td>
<td>4 years</td>
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<td>Yes</td>
<td>Any, 6 credit hour minimum enrollment</td>
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<td>Tuition Incentive Programs (TIP)</td>
<td>~$3,000 (CC) ~$9,000 (Public U)</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>Tuition and fee specific, applied BEFORE Pell</td>
<td>Must complete HS by age 20 and enroll in college within 4 years of HS completion</td>
<td>10 years after 1st payment</td>
<td></td>
<td>If student graduated HS before 2020, must have completed TIP application by August 31 of graduation year</td>
<td>No, not for students who graduate HS in 2020 or after</td>
<td>Tuition reimbursement for associate's programs only, students in bachelor's programs are eligible for up to $14 per year for the upper division of a bachelor's program</td>
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<td>Police Officer's &amp; Firefighters Survivors Tuition Grant</td>
<td>~$1,700 (CC) ~$7,500 (Public U)</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>Tuition-specific based on &quot;need&quot; (federal definition), All other aid applied before, comes BEFORE Pell</td>
<td>Must apply before age 20</td>
<td>9 semester, or degree-completion</td>
<td>Public Universities and Community Colleges only</td>
<td>Spouse or child of deceased police officer or firefighter, if child, then parental death must have occurred prior to the child turning 21.</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Any, 6 credit hour minimum enrollment</td>
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<td>Fostering Futures Scholarship (FFS)</td>
<td>$3,000</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Applied to cost of attendance but awarded AFTER Pell</td>
<td>None</td>
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<td>Must have experienced foster care due to abused/neglect on or after age 13</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Any, 6 credit hour minimum enrollment</td>
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<td>Michigan ReConnect</td>
<td>~$1,000, up to cost of tuition and fees</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>Applied to tuition, fees, contact hours (in-district) applied AFTER Pell</td>
<td>Age 21+</td>
<td>4 years</td>
<td>Community Colleges only</td>
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<td>Yes</td>
<td>Pell-eligible degree or certificate programs only</td>
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<td>MI Future Educator Fellowship</td>
<td>Up to $10,000</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>Up to $10,000 last dollar after all other aid is awarded (including Pell) and up to the cost of tuition and fees</td>
<td>None</td>
<td>Up to 3 years, only after earning 36 credits</td>
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<td>No higher education restriction, grant becomes a loan if student does not teach in MI public school after graduation</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Bachelor's and special teaching certificate, qualified teacher prep program</td>
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<td>MI Future Educator Stipend</td>
<td>$8,000</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Flat amount $8,000</td>
<td>None</td>
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<td>Available for 1 semester unless program requires more</td>
<td>Only for students student-teaching in public schools and for student-teachers not already paid by their district</td>
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Thank you!

Questions?

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The net price of attendance at 4-year institutions in Michigan has increased nominally by 16% since 2012, but in real terms the net price for students has declined by over $1,000.

For students from families making less than $48k per year, the net price has increased a modest $500 in nominal terms. In real dollars (used 2012 as the base) the net price has declined 15%, by $1,700.

Data: Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS), BLS CPI Inflation Calculator
The MTG saves students $22,000 in student loans and interest.

Average Annual Undergrad Loans Per Student - Michigan

Data: Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System, BLS CPI September 2009 dollars
Analysis: Michigan Independent Colleges & Universities