



# Financial Aid 101

# OVERVIEW

- Institutions to Consider
- Financial Aid
- FAFSA
- Federal Programs
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# What Institutions are you considering?

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## Private Colleges or Universities

- Average COA = \$11,860
- Offers Associate's, Certificates  
Licensing Programs
- Generally 2-year programs

- Average COA = \$39,400
- Offers Associate's, Bachelor's, and  
Graduate Programs
- 4-year programs are dominant  
some shorter programs  
are offered

# Sources of Financial Aid

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1. Federal Government
2. State Government
3. Institutions (colleges/universities)
4. Private/Third-party (associations, foundations, clubs, employers, churches, unions, etc.)

# Types of Financial Aid


- **Free Money**
  - ✓ Scholarships (merit-based)
  - ✓ Grants (need-based)
- **Earned Money**
  - ✓ Work Study – Part-time employment to help with college expenses. Federal Work-Study (FWS) is a form of financial aid awarded to students who demonstrate financial need.
- **Borrowed Money**
  - ✓ Loans – Student loans are included in the financial aid award. **Loans need to be repaid WITH INTEREST!!!** When accepting or declining a student loan, it is important to consider whether you will earn enough after college to pay the loan off and have manageable debt.

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# FAFSA

# Starting the FAFSA

www.fafsa.gov

 An official website of the United States government.

Help CenterEnglish | Español



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UNDERSTAND AID ▾APPLY FOR AID ▾COMPLETE AID PROCESS ▾MANAGE LOANS ▾

## Complete the FAFSA® Form

Use the *Free Application for Federal Student Aid* (FAFSA®) form to apply for financial aid for college or graduate school.

### New To The FAFSA® Process?

Completing the FAFSA form is free. Fill it out now.

Start Here

### Returning User?

Correct info | Add a school

View your *Student Aid Report* (SAR)

Log In

## FAFSA® Announcements

### Smart Punctuation

Customers who are using an Apple device (mobile and/or desktop) may encounter errors on some FAFSA fields if the “smart punctuation” feature is enabled. This feature changes apostrophes and quotation marks to invalid characters that the FAFSA form cannot recognize.

[Learn about solutions for this error.](#)



# FAFSA Facts

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- The FAFSA can be completed online
- Avoid being scammed. **Completing the FAFSA is free!**
- Must be completed every year
- State of Michigan deadline for MCS/MTG:
  - ✓ March 1<sup>st</sup> for priority consideration
- 2021-22 FAFSA available October 2020

# Estimated Family Contribution (EFC)

- After your FAFSA is processed, you will receive a notification of your Expected Family Contribution (EFC)
- EFC is used to determine types of financial aid you are eligible for
- The EFC is **NOT** the amount you and your family need to pay up front
- Variables that impact EFC:
  - ✓ Income (student and parent)
  - ✓ Family Size
  - ✓ Number in College
  - ✓ Amount Paid in Taxes

# Independent Student



**An independent student is one of the following:**

- At least 24 years old
- Married
- Graduate or professional student
- Veteran
- Member of the armed forces
- Experienced time in foster care
- Has children or “dependents” (other than a spouse)
- Emancipated minor
- Homeless or at risk of being homeless (requires documentation)
- Determined by financial aid administration due to unusual circumstances (requires documentation)

# Professional Judgement

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- Students with special circumstances may be eligible for a professional judgement
- A special circumstance may allow a student's financial aid award package to be re-evaluated
- Students **must inquire with the college's financial aid office** to see if professional judgement is applicable
- Special circumstances may include:
  - ✓ Change in income or household size
  - ✓ Dependency override due to family breakdown:
    - Abuse
    - Neglect
    - Homelessness

# Which parent's information should you use?

Parent's Marital Status	FAFSA Action
Parents are married to each other	Need both parents' info
Parents are legally separated/divorced	Use custodial parent's info
Parent is remarried to step-parent	If remarried parent has custody, use parent's and step-parent's income
Parents were never married, not living together	Use custodial parent's info
Parents were never married, but are living together	Use both parents' info

# FEDERAL AID PROGRAMS

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# Federal Student Aid Programs

- Federal Pell Grant
- Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG)
- Federal Work-Study
- Teacher Education Assistance for Higher Education (TEACH) Grant
- Iraq and Afghanistan Service Grant
- Federal Direct Subsidized and Unsubsidized Loan
- Federal Direct PLUS Loan

Federal **grant aid does not need to be repaid**. Federal loan funds need to be repaid.

# Pell Grant Basics

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- To be considered for Pell Grant, students **must complete a FAFSA**
- Families making less than \$26,000 automatically receive a zero EFC, which means their college-bound student would be eligible for the maximum amount of Federal Pell Grant funding
- For Academic Year 2020-21, the maximum Pell Grant is \$6,345



# Federal Work-Study Program

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- Work-Study (Earned Money) – Part-time employment to help with college expenses. Federal Work-Study (FWS) is awarded to students to demonstrate financial need

# Federal Student Loans

## Subsidized vs. Unsubsidized

- Subsidized
  - ✓ For undergraduates with financial need
  - ✓ College determines the amount borrowed; cannot exceed financial need
  - ✓ The **government pays the interest** on the loan **while you are enrolled** at least half-time, during grace period, or during deferment period
- Unsubsidized
  - ✓ Available for undergraduate and graduate students, regardless of need
  - ✓ College determines the amount borrowed, based on the cost of attendance and other financial need
  - ✓ The **student is responsible for all interest** during all periods
- PLUS
  - ✓ Available for undergraduate and graduate students
  - ✓ Parent is co-signer; loan is in parents name

# Factors to Consider

## When Taking Out a Loan

### Loan Repayment/Forgiveness Options:

- **Public Service Loan Forgiveness**  
Monthly loan payments should not exceed 10% of monthly gross income. Teachers in the first five years post-graduation.
- **Income-driven Repayment Plan**  
pay during the first year post-graduation.

# **STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS GRANTS and OUTREACH (SSGO)**


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# Academic Year 2020-2021

- Appropriated \$140 million for seven State financial aid programs
  - ✓ For undergraduate students only
  - ✓ Most are need-based
- Program details, eligibility requirements, and Fact Sheets are available at [www.michigan.gov/mistudentaid](http://www.michigan.gov/mistudentaid)

## Do you need money for college?

Overview of State Aid Programs for 2018-19







**All State of Michigan programs require:**

- High school diploma or its recognized equivalent.
- A FAFSA.
- Michigan residency.
- U.S. citizenship, permanent residency, or approved refugee status.
- At least half-time enrollment at a participating Michigan institution.
- The Talent for Tomorrow Scholarship requires full-time enrollment.
- The student not be in default status on a State or Federal student loan.
- The student meets Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) standards.

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**There is money available to help you pay for college.**

Michigan provides more than **\$130 million** to Michigan college students in addition to Federal and institutional aid.


**Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)**  
Complete the FAFSA at [fafsa.gov](http://fafsa.gov) as early as October 1 of your senior year in high school and every year you remain in college. For priority consideration of State aid programs, complete the FAFSA before March 1.

**MISOG Student Portal**  
A few days after you complete the FAFSA, MI Student Aid receives a copy of it. Log into the Student Portal at [www.michigan.gov/misog](http://www.michigan.gov/misog) to see what State aid programs you may qualify for. While logged in, you can also change your college choice and complete additional applications.

**Make Sure MI Student Aid Knows Where You Are Attending**  
If you qualify for an award, we will send your aid to the college listed in the MISOG Student Portal. Make sure you have the correct one selected!

**Attend College**  
Attending an eligible Michigan college at least half-time is required to receive State aid funds. The State aid you qualified for should be listed on the award letter from your college.

All State aid funds are sent directly to the college.



# State of Michigan Aid Programs

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- Children of Veterans Tuition Grant (CVTG)
- Fostering Futures Scholarship (FFS)
- Michigan Competitive Scholarship (MCS)
- Michigan Tuition Grant (MTG)
- Police Officer's and Fire Fighter's Survivor Tuition Grant (STG)
- Tuition Incentive Program (TIP)

# Student Scholarships and Grants

Eligibility for all State financial aid programs requires:

- Michigan residency
- U.S. citizenship, permanent residency, or approved refugee status
- [A Free Application for Federal Student Aid \(FAFSA\)](#)
- Usage at an approved Michigan college or university
- Enrolled at least half-time
- A student not be in default on a Federal student loan
- A high school diploma, certificate of completion, or its recognized equivalent
- A student meets Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) institutional standards

# Student Scholarships and Grants

## FAFSA Deadline

- **March 1** for Michigan Competitive Scholarship (MCS) and Michigan Tuition Grant (MTG)
- For all other State programs, a student must file a current-year FAFSA **before the Federal deadline** (2020-21 FAFSA is June 30, 2021)

## FAFSA College Order

- Students may update their FAFSA college order by:
  - ✓ Updating their FAFSA,
  - ✓ Updating their MiSSG Student Portal account, or
  - ✓ Contacting our Customer Care Center at 1-888-447-2687



# Tuition Incentive Program

A program for eligible students who have or have had Michigan Medicaid coverage for 24 months within a 36-consecutive month period (between age nine and high school graduation) as identified by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS).

- There is no special application needed
- **Complete high school or its recognized equivalent prior to age 20**
  - ✓ Students who attend a State-approved Early/Middle College must be less than 21 years of age when he or she graduates from high school
- **Begin using TIP at a participating institution within four years of high school completion**
- All remaining benefits are forfeited ten years after first payment to the institution

# TIP Phase I

TIP Phase I covers:

- The cost of tuition at the standard in-district rate at participating **Michigan community colleges** and up to \$250 in mandatory fees per semester
- The cost of tuition at the average community college in-district rate (2020-21 rate is \$116) and up to \$250 in mandatory fees per semester at participating degree-granting **Michigan Independent colleges**
- The cost of tuition at the lower level resident rate and \$250 in mandatory fees at participating **Michigan public universities**

Student must be enrolled in a certificate or associate degree program and taking classes within that program of study for Phase I

A certification program MUST be a minimum of one academic year. An academic year is a period of at least 30 weeks of instructional time

# TIP Phase II

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TIP Phase II covers:

- Tuition assistance not to exceed \$500 per semester or \$400 per term (up to a maximum of \$2,000) for credits earned in a **four-year program at a Michigan degree-granting college or university**
- Phase II must be completed within 30 months of completion of Phase I requirements

# MISSG

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# MiSSG Student Portal

Create a MiSSG Student Portal account at [www.michigan.gov/missg](http://www.michigan.gov/missg).

To create an account, you must have:

- Social Security number (SSN), and
- A current year FAFSA, or
- A TIP record (demonstrate eligibility)

# MiSSG Student Portal

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## What can students do in MiSSG?

- Complete applications.
  - ✓ CVTG, FFS, STG
- Update college on file used to evaluate eligibility and process awards
- Update contact information
- View eligibility status
- View payment status
- Email MI Student Aid

# MI Student Aid Website & Resources

- MI Student Aid Program Details
- Video Library
- Webinars
- External Resources
- Events Calendar
- Social Media
- Scholarship Search Tool



# Help Across the State

**Michigan.gov**

MI STUDENT AID HOME  SEARCH

Office of Postsecondary Financial Planning

**MI STUDENT AID**

STUDENTS AND FAMILIES | HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELORS | COLLEGE AID ADMINISTRATORS | STUDENT LOAN REPAYMENTS | SAVING AND PLANNING

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## MI Scholarship Search Self-Service Tool

Select which Michigan county you live in to view the available scholarships for that location. You may also filter those results by gender and student type. Use the 'Generate PDF' button to export a list of your results that you can save to your device.

MI Student Aid houses a database of Michigan place-based scholarships. A Michigan place-based scholarship means that one of the scholarship components is linked to a Michigan school, county, city or region. The database does not contain Michigan scholarships without a place-based component. While the MI Student Aid database is an excellent source for local scholarships, a successful scholarship application strategy should also include national, state, and college/institutional scholarship applications.

*Please note that your search results include only scholarships whose applications are currently available. Many scholarship applications for the 2020-2021 academic year will be opening later, over the fall and winter. Please refer to our database throughout the year as more scholarship applications become available.*

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# Questions?



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