

MICHIGAN  
ACHIEVEMENT  
SCHOLARSHIP



# SENIORS CAN UNLOCK **FREE MONEY**

FOR COLLEGE OR CAREER TRAINING WITH THE  
**MICHIGAN ACHIEVEMENT  
SCHOLARSHIP**



# QUALIFYING GRADS COULD GET:

- **An associate degree or skill certificate TUITION-FREE** at a local community college.
- **Up to \$27,500** at a private or public university.
- **Up to \$4,000** for a career training program.

They may be eligible for thousands of dollars in scholarships!



Is your child thinking about attending a Michigan community college, university or career training program? They may qualify for thousands of dollars in scholarships!

# COMMUNITY COLLEGE GUARANTEE\*

THEY CAN EARN THEIR ASSOCIATE DEGREE OR SKILL CERTIFICATE

# TUITION-FREE

AT YOUR LOCAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE!

**(Or get community college covered before transferring to a university.)**

*Please note: The Community College Guarantee covers in-district tuition, contact hours and mandatory fees.*

*\*The Community College Guarantee is part of the Michigan Achievement Scholarship.*

Is your senior interested in earning a skill certificate or associate degree? Or are thinking about attending a community college before transferring to a four-year university? The Community College Guarantee may be for them! It offers tuition-free community college at eligible in-district community colleges.

# COMMUNITY COLLEGE GUARANTEE

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**NO MATTER THEIR GPA OR  
HOUSEHOLD INCOME!**

Plus, if they receive the Federal Pell Grant, they're eligible for an **extra \$1,000** to help pay for living expenses.

To apply, just fill out the **FAFSA!**



All Michigan high school seniors are eligible for the Community College Guarantee! There are no GPA or income requirements.

Plus, if they receive the Federal Pell Grant, they're eligible for an extra \$1,000 to help pay for living expenses like books, transportation and rent.

All they have to do to apply is complete the 2026-2027 FAFSA. FAFSA is **TRULY** the only thing they have to do to apply.

# MICHIGAN ACHIEVEMENT SCHOLARSHIP

**DOES YOUR SENIOR WANT TO EARN A BACHELOR'S DEGREE?**

**GET UP TO**

**\$27,500**

**AT A PUBLIC OR PRIVATE MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY!**

Are they thinking about earning a bachelor's degree? The Michigan Achievement Scholarship could be for them! It offers up to \$27,500 at eligible public or private universities in Michigan.

# MICHIGAN ACHIEVEMENT SCHOLARSHIP ODDS ARE, THEY'RE ELIGIBLE

**7 out of 10** graduating high school seniors may qualify, no matter their GPA or athletic achievements!

**Just complete the FAFSA to apply!**



Your senior doesn't need to be a stellar student or all-star athlete to qualify for the Michigan Achievement Scholarship. And like the Community College Guarantee, there's no application essay required.

They won't know if they're eligible unless they fill out the FAFSA!

## MICHIGAN ACHIEVEMENT SKILLS SCHOLARSHIP

GET UP TO  
**\$4,000**  
FOR A CAREER TRAINING PROGRAM!

The Michigan Achievement ***Skills*** Scholarship might be right for your child if they're thinking about developing their skills in a career training program. If they qualify, they could receive up to \$4,000 for career training.



# MICHIGAN ACHIEVEMENT SKILLS SCHOLARSHIP

- Visit [mi.gov](https://mi.gov) to browse and choose an eligible career training program.
- Complete the application through the MiSSG student portal.

**It takes most five minutes or less to apply!**



To apply for the Michigan Achievement ***Skills*** Scholarship, students just pick an eligible career training provider on the [mi.gov/achievement](https://mi.gov/achievement) website and complete their application through the MiSSG student portal. It takes most five minutes or less to apply.



# COMPLETE THE FAFSA

TO GET STARTED FUNDING YOUR CHILD'S FUTURE



**It's easier than ever. Seriously.**

It's worth completing, even if your senior is unsure of their future plans. Filling out the FAFSA doesn't commit them to anything. It's simply the first step to seeing their funding options.

Even if your senior doesn't know what their future plans are, start by filling out the FAFSA. It doesn't commit them to anything; it's just the first step to seeing what funding is possible. Their FAFSA results will give you a summary of how much free money for college or career training your senior would get at different schools and programs. This helps you better understand their personal options for after graduation.

# WHAT IS THE FAFSA?

The **Free Application for Federal Student Aid** (also known as the FAFSA) is the key to unlocking:

- Scholarships like the Michigan Achievement Scholarship
- Grants
- Loans
- Work-study funds

**Eligibility isn't based on GPA.**

And with more money available than ever — plus higher family income limits — your child might qualify for more than you think!



You might be wondering, “What is the FAFSA?”

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (also called the FAFSA) is the form families submit each year to get access to funding for college or career training.

It makes it possible for many high school grads to get the degree or certificate they need to pursue a career they’ll love.

The FAFSA is more than just loans. It also unlocks free money for college or career training, like grants and scholarships (including the Michigan Achievement Scholarship).

You and your senior will fill out the form. You’ll need to give consent so the FAFSA can pull your tax info directly from the IRS. This lets you skip most of the income tax questions on the form and complete the FAFSA in less time.

# 2 STEPS TO FILLING OUT THE FAFSA

1. Create **StudentAid.gov** accounts for you and your child.
2. Fill out the **FAFSA** together.  
The simplified form is only 36 questions and takes most families 30 minutes or less to complete.



Creating StudentAid.gov accounts for you, your child and all contributors is the first step to filling out the FAFSA. Accounts are instantly verified so you can start filling out the FAFSA right away.

Be sure to gather Social Security numbers and income info (like bank balances and tax returns) for you, your senior and any other contributors.

# FAFSA TIMELINE

## SEPTEMBER

FAFSA Opens!

## OCTOBER-DECEMBER

Submit the FAFSA early for the most opportunities.

## JANUARY-MARCH

Review and compare financial aid offers.

## APRIL-MAY

Finalize post-high school plans.

*(Last chance to file the FAFSA before graduation.)*

## SPRING

Celebrate their graduation and future!

The sooner your senior submits the FAFSA, the more money they could get. A lot of scholarships and grants are given out on a first come, first serve basis. We recommend completing it before December's holiday break. [Or "as soon as possible" if presentation is given after December.]

# YOU'VE GOT THIS!

Fill out the FAFSA today!

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If you need any help completing the FAFSA or planning for college or career training, I'm here! Just swing by my office/make an appointment.