

Free Application for Federal Student Aid

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What is the FAFSA?

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- Available in December this year
 - New changes include: expanded eligibility and streamlined application process
- Determines eligibility for financial aid
 - Student loans, Grants, Work-Study, Scholarships
 - Michigan Achievement Scholarship - 3 “pathways”
 - Community College Guarantee
 - Public or Private University
 - Career Training Program
- First come, first serve
- You must apply for aid every year, but with the right information in hand, it's easy.

Michigan Achievement Scholarship

COMMUNITY COLLEGE GUARANTEE

Earn your associate degree or skill certificate **TUITION-FREE** at an eligible community college!

All Michigan high school grads are eligible.

PUBLIC OR PRIVATE COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY

Get up to **\$27,500** for public or private university!

7 out of 10 high school seniors may qualify.

CAREER TRAINING

Get up to **\$4,000** for a career training program!

Get on the fast track to a high-paying career.



Who should complete the FAFSA?

Any student, regardless of income, who wants to be considered for federal, state, and school financial aid programs. This includes grants, scholarships, work-study funds, and loans.



What do you need?

- Verified account username and password (FSA ID)
 - Create an account at studentaid.gov
- Parent or spouse contributor name, date of birth, Social Security number, and email address
- Income and asset information (if required)



Creating an FSA

An illustration of a university building with a large 'U' logo on its facade and a tree in front of it. The scene is rendered in a warm, orange-toned style.

Create and Access Your
StudentAid.gov Account

How long will it take?

It takes most people less than one hour to fill out the FAFSA form, including gathering any personal documents and financial information needed to complete it.



Why should I complete the FAFSA?

It determines a student's eligibility for need-based federal financial aid for college, which may include:

- Grants
- Scholarships
- Work-study
- Loans



Types of Federal Student Aid

TYPES OF FEDERAL STUDENT AID

As the largest provider of financial aid, the U.S. Department of Education's office of Federal Student Aid provides grants, loans, and work-study funds.



Grants are free money that do not have to be repaid.



Student loans are real loans (like a car or home loan) that need to be repaid with interest.



A work-study job gives you the opportunity to earn money to help pay your educational expenses.

FAFSA and College Applications

October is Michigan College Month!

- Michigan College Month is part of a national initiative in which the goal is to provide every graduating high school student the opportunity to apply to college and for financial aid
- Many institutions waive college application fees during the month of October
- Recommend applying to several schools to keep your options open and improve your chances of getting into a program of your choice
 - FAFSA and Financial Aid

Michigan College Month

Application Fee Waivers

October 2024



COLLEGES WITH NO APPLICATION FEES

Adrian College	Gogebic Community College	Lake Superior State University	Oakland University
Albion College	Grace Christian University	Lansing Community College	Rochester Christian University
Alma College	Grand Rapids Community College	Macomb Community College	Saginaw Valley State University
Alpena Community College	Grand Valley State University	Madonna University	Schoolcraft College
Aquinas College	Great Lakes Christian College	Michigan Technological University	Sierra Heights University
Baker College	Henry Ford College	Mid Michigan College	Southwestern Michigan College
Bay College	Hillsdale College	Monroe County Community College	Spring Arbor University
Bay Mills Community College	Hope College	Montcalm Community College	St. Clair County Community College
Cleary University	Jackson College	Muskegon Community College	University of Detroit Mercy
College for Creative Studies	Kalamazoo College	Mott Community College	University of Michigan-Dearborn
Concordia University Ann Arbor	Kalamazoo Valley Community College	North Central Michigan College	University of Michigan-Flint
Cornerstone University	Kellogg Community College	Northern Michigan University	The University of Olivet
Davenport University	Kettering University	Northwestern Michigan College	Washtenaw Community College
Delta College	Kirtland Community College	Northwood University	Wayne County Community College
Ferris State University	Kuyper College	Oakland Community College	West Shore Community College
Glen Oaks Community College	Lake Michigan College		

COLLEGES WAIVING APPLICATION FEES

Institution	Dates	Waiver code (if needed)
Calvin University	Always	Fee waived automatically Oct. 1-31, after Oct. 31 use code 1876
Central Michigan University	Oct. 1-31	None for CMU app, FireUp2025 on Common App
Eastern Michigan University	Oct. 1-31	MCAM
Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College	Oct. 1-31	
Lawrence Technological University	Oct. 1-31	October1932
Michigan State University	Oct. 1-15	Spartan1855
MSU Institute of Agricultural Technology	Oct. 1-31	
Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College	Oct. 1-31	
Wayne State University	Oct. 1-31	MCAM25
Western Michigan University	Oct. 1-31	

For institution-specific information on all public and private, 2-year and 4-year institutions in Michigan, including admissions and financial aid, please visit MCAN's Michigan Institution Updates page at qr.codes.pro/mju or scan the QR code with your smart device.





**GREAT LAKES
LEARNING
ACADEMY**

Questions?



