

Federal Pell Grant

Eligibility:	Grants are awarded on the basis of financial need.
Available Assistance:	\$976 to \$5,550
How to Apply:	Submit FAFSA.
Enrollment Requirements:	Undergraduate study or pursuing first baccalaureate degree. Pro-rated for less than full-time enrollment.

Eligibility

The U.S. Department of Education uses a standard formula to evaluate the information a student supplies when applying for a Pell Grant. This formula produces an Expected Family Contribution (EFC) number, which will determine if the student is eligible for the grant. Applicants must be undergraduate students who have not earned a bachelor's degree. Each applicant must be a U.S. citizen, or an eligible noncitizen, and needs to have a high school diploma or a GED or to demonstrate the ability to benefit from the program.

How and When to Apply

Students apply for not only Pell Grants but all federal, state, and institutional financial aid programs (except scholarships) by completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The paper FAFSA is available from high school guidance offices, or may be completed online at www.fafsa.ed.gov. The FAFSA must be submitted by the end of June to be eligible for aid in the upcoming school year.

Not available to international or Canadian students.

Tuition Incentive Program (TIP)

Eligibility:	Students who apply before graduating from high school or receiving a GED, are under the age of 20 at the time of graduation or GED completion, and are or have been receiving Medicaid from the Family Independence Agency.
Available Assistance:	Up to full tuition.
How to Apply:	Contact your Family Independence Agency.
Enrollment Requirements:	At least half-time - 6 credit hours or more. Must be enrolled in an Associate Degree or Certificate Program

Description

The Tuition Incentive Program (TIP) is an incentive program that encourages eligible students to complete high school by providing tuition assistance for the first two years of college and beyond. To meet the financial eligibility requirement, a student must have (or have had) Medicaid coverage for 24 months within a 36-consecutive-month period as identified by the Michigan Department of Human Services (DHS). TIP provides assistance in two phases.

Phase I covers tuition and mandatory fee charges for eligible students enrolled in an associate degree or certificate program at a participating Michigan community college, public university, degree-granting independent college, federal tribally-controlled college, or Focus: HOPE.

Phase II provides a maximum of \$2,000 total tuition assistance for credits earned in a four-year program at an in-state, degree-granting college or university.

Application

Students are identified by DHS as having met the Medicaid eligibility requirement. Students may be identified as TIP eligible as early as sixth grade, typically age 12 or after. After being identified, the Office of Scholarships and Grants (OSG) will send the student an acceptance form. The student must then complete the acceptance form and return it to OSG **before** graduation from high school or GED completion, **and before** their 20th birthday to activate financial eligibility for the program. The student will then receive an “eligibility letter” from OSG. **The student is responsible for notifying OSG of a change in their college choice.**