



**Mason County Promise Zone Authority Board
Meeting Minutes**

Monday, August 12, 2024: 3- 5 p.m.

Location: Lakeshore Resource Network Conference Room, E. Tinkham, Ludington, MI

Members Present: Monica Jewell, Amy Pepper, Joan Vidak, Chad Riffle, Roger Nash, Mike Haveman, Fabian Knizacky, Annette Quillian, Kathy Surd, Vic Burwell, Michael Masters (*arrived at 3:01*)

Members Absent:

Staff Present: Jody Maloney & Myndi Dangler

1. **Call to Order:** *Jewell called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.*
2. **Limited Public Comment:** None
3. **Approval of the Agenda**
 - a. *Motion to approve the agenda by Knizacky with support from Burwell; Motion carried 10-0-1.*
4. **Approval of Minutes from 07-08-2024**
 - a. *Motion by Knizacky to approve minutes, supported by Haveman; Motion carried 11-0-0.*
5. **Treasurer's Report:**
 - a. Balance Report for July 2024 for approval: \$1,951,508.83: Knizacky shared an overview of the Balance Report for the purpose of approval.
 - b. Included in the report was Community Foundation for Mason County Quarterly Report through 6-30-2024: \$447,452.15
 - c. 2024 Invoices & Budget Items:
 - i. Lucky Lizards (Nametags): \$64.95 (Misc. Line Item)
 - d. **Approval of Treasurer's Report & Invoices**
 - i. *Motion by Nash to approve Treasurer's Report and invoices, with support from Riffle; Motion carried 11-0-0*
6. **Director's Report**
 - a. **Approval of the Director's Report:** *Motion by Knizacky to approve Director's Report, supported by Haveman; Motion carried 11-0-0.*
 - i. Maloney shared highlights of the WSCC College for Kids, Weekly College Access Tables at the libraries, Summer Orientation, College Edge, and ESA. Following a request at the July 8th meeting from the board, Maloney shared that there are 22% First Generation graduates. She noted that there are 96 approved renewals for the upcoming academic year and that 2025-2026 FAFSA will open on December 1, 2024.
 - ii. Maloney made a request to the Board for the purchase of polo shirts for the two Post-Secondary Advisors.
 1. *Motion by Knizacky to approve the purchase of two polo shirts for the Post-Secondary Advisors, with support from Burwell; Motion carried 11-0-0*

2. *A second motion was made by Burwell to approve the purchase of up to 15 polo shirts up to the purchase amount of \$750 for Mason County principals and counselors, with support from Vidak; Motion carried 11-0-0*

7. New Business

- a. Committee Reports: <https://www.masoncountypromise.org/minutes>
 - i. Appeals Committee: Did not meet; Next Meeting: 8-19-24 @ 11AM
 - ii. Student Success Committee: Met: 7-22-24 @10AM; Next Meeting: 9-23-24@10AM
 1. No Recommendations
 - iii. Community Engagement Committee: Met: 8-7-2024 @10AM; Next Meeting: 11-6-24 @ 10AM
 1. Updates to Talking Points: Jewell shared that the Committee updated Board talking points
 2. Update to 2025 Senior Letter: The CEC shared the updated letter for 2024 seniors
 3. The CEC made a recommendation to nominate Joan Vidak as interim Board Vice Chair.
 - a. *A motion was made by Knizacky to nominate Joan Vidak as the Board Vice Chair with support from Surd; Motion carried 11-0-0*
 - iv. Executive Committee: Did not meet; Next Meeting: 10-21-24@1PM

8. Old Business:

- a. Maloney shared more information on the Michigan Guarantee that included students must be from the class of 2023 or after, they must complete their FAFSA, and must be enrolled full-time in order to use the Guarantee. This may be used for tuition and mandatory fees only. A \$1,000 bonus is available for all Pell Grant eligible students and can be applied to expenses that exceed tuition costs. Also noted was that Promise funds that are designated for tuition and fees must be used prior to using the Michigan Guarantee unless flexible for use up to the total cost of attendance.
- b. Also provided was additional information surrounding the Promise Growth Discussion. Maloney will include the approved Promise bills, the Promise Zone Act, and the Michigan Guarantee in the minutes for Board review. Maloney shared that Promise Zone scholarships must still provide a tuition-free path to an associates degree at one institution and require the FAFSA. The Promise Zone growth discussion is still on schedule for this fall. This discussion will emphasize the identified priorities of the Promise Zone to highlight success coaching and expansion to other institutions which. This will resume after SET projections have been received.

9. **Any Other Business:** Burwell mentioned that it would be good to write a press release to recap the last five years with the Promise; Maloney responded that she usually does a fall press release after a new class starts. Masters corrected that the Tuition Options Chart should include the HiSET or High School Completion. Maloney will update and include it in the minutes.

10. Limited Public Comment: None

11. Adjourn: *Jewell moved for adjournment at 4:10 PM*

Respectfully submitted by Myndi Dangler, Recording Secretary, 08-12-2024

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MICHIGAN PROMISE ZONE AUTHORITY ACT
Act 549 of 2008

AN ACT to authorize the creation of promise zones; to authorize the creation of promise zone authorities and the implementation of promise zone development plans; to prescribe the powers and duties of promise zone authorities; to provide for the capture and disbursement of certain tax revenue; and to prescribe powers and duties of certain state and local officials.

History: 2008, Act 549, Imd. Eff. Jan. 13, 2009;—Am. 2016, Act 9, Imd. Eff. Feb. 16, 2016.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

390.1661 Short title.

Sec. 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Michigan promise zone authority act".

History: 2008, Act 549, Imd. Eff. Jan. 13, 2009.

390.1663 Definitions.

Sec. 3. As used in this act:

- (a) "Authority" means a promise zone authority created under this act.
- (b) "Board" means the governing body of an authority.
- (c) "Eligible entity" means a city, township, county, local school district, or intermediate school district, in which the percentage of families with children under age 18 that are living at or below the federal poverty level is greater than or equal to the state average of families with children under age 18 living at or below the federal poverty level, as determined by the department of treasury.
- (d) "Federal poverty level" means the poverty guidelines published annually in the Federal Register by the United States Department of Health and Human Services under its authority to revise the poverty line under 42 USC 9902.
- (e) "Governing body" means the elected body of an eligible entity that has legislative powers.
- (f) "Nonpublic high school" means a high school operated by a nonpublic school that includes grades 9 to 12 or 10 to 12 and that awards a high school diploma. Nonpublic high school also includes a general education development test.
- (g) "Nonpublic school" means that term as defined in section 5 of the revised school code, 1976 PA 451, MCL 380.5.
- (h) "Promise of financial assistance" means a commitment by an eligible entity to provide financial resources for public or private postsecondary education, including a vocational program, to eligible students living in a promise zone and who have graduated from a public high school or nonpublic high school located within that promise zone.
- (i) "Promise zone" means that area created by a governing body under this act.
- (j) "Promise zone development plan" means that plan developed by an authority under this act that will ensure that the financial resources are available to adequately fund the promise of financial assistance.
- (k) "Public high school" means a public school that includes grades 9 to 12 or 10 to 12 and that awards a high school diploma.
- (l) "Public school" means that term as defined in section 5 of the revised school code, 1976 PA 451, MCL 380.5.
- (m) "Qualified educational expenses" means tuition and fees required for the enrollment or attendance of a student at an educational institution, and may also include, if provided for in an authority's promise zone development plan, expenses for fees, books, supplies, and equipment required for courses of instruction at that educational institution.
- (n) "School district" means that term as defined in the revised school code, 1976 PA 451, MCL 380.1 to 380.1852.
- (o) "State education tax" means the tax levied under the state education tax act, 1993 PA 331, MCL 211.901 to 211.906.
- (p) "Vocational program" means an education or training program intended to teach a trade, occupation, or vocation and offered by a public or private postsecondary institution in this state.

History: 2008, Act 549, Imd. Eff. Jan. 13, 2009;—Am. 2013, Act 210, Imd. Eff. Dec. 23, 2013;—Am. 2020, Act 330, Eff. Mar. 24, 2021.

390.1664 Promise zone; establishment by governing body; resolution; public hearing; application; review by department of treasury; determination of eligibility; certification;

approval of resolution; election by local school district; establishment of separate promise zone by local school district; dissolution.

Sec. 4. (1) If a governing body determines that it is necessary for the best interests of the public to promote access to postsecondary education, the governing body may, by resolution, declare its intention to establish a promise zone.

(2) A governing body shall set a date for a public hearing on the adoption of a proposed resolution establishing a promise zone. Notice of the public hearing shall be published twice in a newspaper of general circulation in the eligible entity, at least 20 and not more than 40 days before the date of the hearing. Notice of the hearing shall be posted in at least 20 conspicuous and public places in the eligible entity at least 20 days before the hearing. The notice shall state the date, time, and place of the hearing and shall describe the proposed promise zone, the details of the promise of financial assistance, and the criteria for eligibility to receive that financial assistance.

(3) At least 30 days after the public hearing, if the governing body of an eligible entity intends to proceed with the establishment of a promise zone, it shall submit an application to the department of treasury seeking approval to establish the promise zone.

(4) The department of treasury shall review an application submitted under subsection (3) and shall determine if the governing body of the eligible entity that submitted the application is eligible to establish a promise zone under this act. If so, the department of treasury shall certify the eligibility of that governing body to establish a promise zone. The department of treasury shall review the applications submitted under subsection (3) on a first-come, first-served basis and shall not certify more than 15 governing bodies of eligible entities as eligible to establish a promise zone under this act.

(5) If the department of treasury certifies that the governing body of the eligible entity is eligible to create a promise zone, the governing body shall, by resolution, establish a promise zone.

(6) Within 90 days after a governing body approves a resolution to establish a promise zone, a local school district may by resolution elect not to participate in the establishment of a promise zone by the governing body of the eligible entity in which the local school district is located. The resolution shall include a provision that the local school district will establish a separate promise zone under this act. If the local school district does not establish a promise zone within a reasonable period of time, the department of treasury may include that local school district in the promise zone established by the eligible entity in which the local school district is located.

(7) If a governing body of an eligible entity by resolution dissolves a promise zone established under subsection (5), the department of treasury's certification authorizing that promise zone under subsection (4) is terminated and does not count toward the limit of 15 certifications under subsection (4).

History: Add. 2016, Act 9, Imd. Eff. Feb. 16, 2016;—Am. 2017, Act 150, Imd. Eff. Nov. 6, 2017.

390.1664a Ineligible entity; revenue capture from state education tax.

Sec. 4a. (1) A city, township, county, local school district, or intermediate school district that is not an eligible entity may create a promise zone under this act but shall not capture revenue from the state education tax under this act. The governing body of a city, township, county, local school district, or intermediate school district that is not an eligible entity shall not be considered under section 4 in determining the number of governing bodies of eligible entities eligible to establish a promise zone under this act.

(2) This section shall not prevent an eligible entity located within a city, township, county, local school district, or intermediate school district that is not an eligible entity from creating a promise zone under this act and capturing revenue from the state education tax under this act.

History: Add. 2016, Act 9, Imd. Eff. Feb. 16, 2016.

390.1665 Promise zone authority; creation; authority as public body corporate; powers; board; oath; proceedings and rules subject to open meetings act; removal of board member; writings subject to the freedom of information act.

Sec. 5. (1) If a governing body, by resolution, establishes a promise zone under section 4(5), the governing body shall, by resolution, create a promise zone authority.

(2) An authority is a public body corporate that may sue and be sued in any court of this state. An authority possesses all the powers necessary to carry out its purpose. The enumeration of a power in this act shall not be construed as a limitation on the general powers of an authority.

(3) An authority shall be under the supervision and control of a board. All of the following apply to the board of an authority:

(a) The board shall consist of 11 members, as follows:

(i) Nine locally appointed members. The chief executive officer of the eligible entity, with the advice and

consent of the governing body, shall appoint the 9 initial locally appointed members of the board described in this subparagraph. If a vacancy occurs in an office of a locally appointed member appointed under this subparagraph, the board shall appoint a new member to fill that vacancy. As used in this subparagraph, for a local school district or an intermediate school district, "chief executive officer" means the superintendent of that local school district or intermediate school district.

(ii) One member appointed by the senate majority leader.

(iii) One member appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives.

(b) Not more than 3 members of the board shall be government officials.

(c) One member of the board shall be a representative of the public school community.

(d) The term of office of a member of the board is 4 years. However, of the members first appointed, an equal number of the members, as near as is practicable, shall be appointed for 1 year, 2 years, 3 years, and 4 years.

(e) A member of the board shall hold office until the member's successor is appointed.

(f) Members of the board shall serve without compensation, but may be reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses.

(g) The chairperson of the board shall be elected by the board.

(4) Before assuming the duties of office, a member shall qualify by taking and subscribing to the constitutional oath of office.

(5) The proceedings and rules of the board are subject to the open meetings act, 1976 PA 267, MCL 15.261 to 15.275. The board shall adopt rules governing its procedure and the holding of regular meetings, subject to the approval of the governing body. Special meetings may be held if called in the manner provided in the rules of the board.

(6) After having been given notice and an opportunity to be heard, a member of the board may be removed for cause by the governing body.

(7) A writing prepared, owned, used, in the possession of, or retained by the board in the performance of an official function is subject to the freedom of information act, 1976 PA 442, MCL 15.231 to 15.246.

History: 2008, Act 549, Imd. Eff. Jan. 13, 2009;—Am. 2013, Act 210, Imd. Eff. Dec. 23, 2013;—Am. 2016, Act 9, Imd. Eff. Feb. 16, 2016.

390.1667 Promise zone development plan; provisions; funding for out-of-state postsecondary institution prohibited; submission of plan or amendments to department of treasury; failure to submit plan within certain time frame; review; approval or written notice of deficiencies; amendment.

Sec. 7. (1) A promise zone authority created under section 5 shall prepare a promise zone development plan.

(2) A promise zone development plan shall include, but is not limited to, all of the following:

(a) A complete description of the proposed promise of financial assistance. The proposed promise of financial assistance shall include, but is not limited to, a promise of financial assistance to all eligible students residing within the promise zone and who graduate from a public high school or nonpublic high school located within that promise zone, in an amount established by the board to reflect the amount available for disbursement to eligible students and included in the annual budget under section 15. The amount of proposed promise of financial assistance shall, at a minimum, equal or exceed the amount the board determines is sufficient to pay for the qualified educational expenses for an eligible student to obtain an associate degree at a community or junior college in this state, and shall not exceed the amount the board determines is sufficient to pay for the qualified educational expenses for an eligible student to obtain a bachelor's degree or its equivalent at a public postsecondary institution in this state or combination of public postsecondary institutions in this state, subject to any limitations authorized under this section. The proposed promise of financial assistance may also, at most, provide funding for an eligible student to attend a private college in this state in an amount that does not exceed the average amount of qualified educational expenses to obtain a bachelor's degree at all public universities in this state. The proposed promise of financial assistance may also authorize the expenditure of funds for educational improvement activities designed to increase readiness for postsecondary education at public schools located in the promise zone.

(b) A complete description of any limitation on the promise of financial assistance, including, but not limited to, any of the following:

(i) If the promise of financial assistance will be prorated based on the number of years the student has resided within the promise zone.

(ii) If the promise of financial assistance will be restricted to students who have resided within or attended a public high school or nonpublic high school within the promise zone for a minimum number of years.

(iii) If the promise of financial assistance is predicated on the student maintaining a minimum college grade point average and carrying a minimum college credit hour classload.

(iv) If the promise of financial assistance is restricted to attendance at 1 or more public or private postsecondary institutions in this state.

(v) If the promise of financial assistance is limited to students whose cumulative high school grade point average exceeds a specified minimum. However, a board may revise, establish, or eliminate a high school grade point average requirement for students after it submits a promise zone development plan to the department of treasury and is not required to amend the plan or obtain approval from the department of treasury for that change.

(vi) If the promise of financial assistance is limited to students who comply with requirements established by the board in order to improve student progress toward degree completion.

(vii) If the promise of financial assistance in a promise zone that encompasses more than 2 school districts is limited to students who reside in and graduate from high schools located within the boundaries of fewer than all of its constituent school districts.

(c) A requirement that graduates of a public high school or nonpublic high school exhaust all other known and available restricted grants for qualified educational expenses for postsecondary education provided by a federal, state, or local governmental entity, as determined by the board.

(d) How the funds necessary to accomplish the promise of financial assistance will be raised. Any amount received under the state school aid act of 1979, 1979 PA 94, MCL 388.1601 to 388.1896, shall not be included as a method of raising the necessary funds. The promise zone development plan shall be financed from 1 or more of the following sources:

(i) Donations.

(ii) Revenues.

(iii) Money obtained from other sources approved by the governing body or otherwise authorized by law.

(e) An actuarial model of how much the proposed plan is estimated to cost, based on actuarial formulas developed by the department of treasury.

(f) A complete description of the criteria and procedures by which the performance of students receiving financial assistance pursuant to the proposed plan will be assessed and reported. This assessment and reporting methodology shall include, but is not limited to, the submission of a written report by no later than October 31 of each year to the department of treasury. This annual report shall include the following information, which may be obtained, in whole or in part, from any reliable source that complies with applicable laws regarding student privacy:

(i) The number of students who received financial assistance pursuant to the authority's approved promise zone development plan during the prior academic year.

(ii) Of those students accounted for under subparagraph (i), the number who successfully completed the following:

(A) A certificate or associate program.

(B) A bachelor's program.

(iii) Of those students accounted for under subparagraph (i), the number who withdrew from classes during the prior academic year.

(iv) Of those students accounted for under subparagraph (i) who initially reached successful completion of more than the equivalent of 23 semester credits during the prior academic year, the average time to successfully complete the equivalent of 24 semester credits.

(v) The 6-year graduation rate for recipients of financial assistance pursuant to the authority's approved promise zone development plan.

(3) The proposed promise of financial assistance under subsection (2) shall not include funding for attendance at a public or private postsecondary institution not located in this state.

(4) The board shall submit the promise zone development plan to the department of treasury within 5 years after the eligibility to establish the promise zone was certified by the department of treasury under section 4(4). If a promise zone development plan is not submitted within this time frame, the department of treasury may dissolve the promise zone. The promise zone development plan shall be published on the website of the eligible entity that established the promise zone.

(5) The department of treasury shall review the promise zone development plan submitted under subsection (4). Not more than 60 days after receipt of a promise zone development plan submitted under subsection (4), the department of treasury shall either approve the promise zone development plan or provide a written notice of deficiencies. If the department of treasury does not approve a promise zone development plan submitted under subsection (4) or provide a written notice of deficiencies within 60 days, the promise zone development plan shall be considered approved. If a promise zone development plan is approved, the

department of treasury shall certify that the promise zone development plan meets all requirements under this act and is sustainable.

(6) The department of treasury shall review any proposed amendments to a promise zone development plan. Not more than 60 days after receipt of proposed amendments to a promise zone development plan, the department of treasury shall either approve the proposed amendments or provide a written notice of deficiencies. If the department of treasury does not approve proposed amendments or provide a written notice of deficiencies within 60 days, the proposed amendments shall be considered approved. If proposed amendments are approved, the department of treasury shall certify that the amendments meet all requirements under this act.

(7) A promise zone development plan approved under this act before the effective date of the amendatory act that added this subsection shall be amended as necessary to meet the assessment and reporting requirements described in subsection (2)(f). That amendment shall include a first annual reporting deadline not later than October 31, 2017. That amendment shall be submitted by the board to the department of treasury within 60 days after the effective date of the amendatory act that added this subsection and is subject to the review process set forth in subsection (6).

History: 2008, Act 549, Imd. Eff. Jan. 13, 2009;—Am. 2013, Act 210, Imd. Eff. Dec. 23, 2013;—Am. 2016, Act 9, Imd. Eff. Feb. 16, 2016.

390.1669 Cause of action not created.

Sec. 9. (1) The establishment of a promise zone does not create a cause of action in law or in equity against this state, an eligible entity, or a promise zone authority.

(2) The establishment of a promise zone development plan does not create a cause of action in law or in equity against this state, an eligible entity, or a promise zone authority, if the proposed promise of financial assistance set forth in the promise zone development plan is not paid to an eligible student.

History: 2008, Act 549, Imd. Eff. Jan. 13, 2009;—Am. 2016, Act 9, Imd. Eff. Feb. 16, 2016.

390.1671 Director; powers and duties; acting director; treasurer; secretary; legal counsel; other personnel; deposit of money; administrative costs; limitation; submission of audited financial statements; certification of compliance.

Sec. 11. (1) The board may employ a director. All of the following apply to a director employed by a board under this subsection:

(a) The board shall establish the director's compensation.

(b) The director serves at the pleasure of the board.

(c) A member of the board is not eligible to hold the position of director.

(d) Before beginning his or her duties, the director shall take and subscribe to the constitutional oath and furnish a bond in an amount determined in the resolution establishing the authority, payable to the authority for use and benefit of the authority, approved by the board, and filed with the clerk of the eligible entity. The premium on the bond shall be considered an operating expense of the authority, payable from money available to the authority for expenses of operation.

(e) The director is the chief executive officer of the authority.

(2) Subject to the approval of the board, the director shall supervise and is responsible for implementing the promise zone development plan and the performance of the functions of the authority in the manner authorized under this act. The director shall attend the meetings of the board and shall provide to the board, the governing body, and the chief executive officer of the eligible entity a regular report covering the activities and financial condition of the authority. If the director is absent or disabled, the board may designate a qualified person as acting director to perform the duties of the office. Before beginning his or her duties, the acting director shall take and subscribe to the oath, and furnish a bond, as required of the director under subsection (1)(d). The director shall furnish the board with any information or reports governing the operation of the authority that the board requires.

(3) The board may employ and fix the compensation of a treasurer, who shall keep the financial records of the authority and who, together with the director, shall approve all vouchers for the expenditure of money of the authority. The treasurer shall perform all duties delegated to him or her by the board and shall furnish a bond in an amount prescribed by the board.

(4) The board may employ and fix the compensation of a secretary, who shall maintain custody of the official seal and of records, books, documents, or other papers the treasurer is not required to maintain. The secretary shall attend meetings of the board and keep a record of its proceedings and shall perform other duties delegated by the board.

(5) The board may retain legal counsel to advise the board in the proper performance of its duties.

(6) The board may employ any other personnel that the board considers necessary.

(7) The authority shall immediately deposit any money it receives to the credit of the authority, subject to disbursement under this act.

(8) Beginning in the first fiscal year in which it receives revenue from the state from the capture of state education tax revenue under section 17, the authority may use not more than 15% of the amount of that revenue to pay for administrative costs.

(9) Within 120 days after the end of each fiscal year, the board shall submit audited financial statements of the authority for that fiscal year to the department of education. The board shall include with the financial statements a certification by the board that the board and authority are in compliance with this act and with the authority's approved promise zone development plan.

History: 2008, Act 549, Imd. Eff. Jan. 13, 2009;—Am. 2013, Act 210, Imd. Eff. Dec. 23, 2013;—Am. 2016, Act 9, Imd. Eff. Feb. 16, 2016.

390.1673 Board; powers.

Sec. 13. The board may do any of the following:

(a) Prepare an analysis of the postsecondary educational opportunities for the residents of the promise zone.

(b) Study and analyze the need for financial resources to provide postsecondary educational opportunities for residents of the promise zone.

(c) Acquire by purchase or otherwise, on terms and conditions and in a manner the authority considers proper, or own, convey, or otherwise dispose of, or lease as lessor or lessee, land and other property, real or personal, or rights or interests in the property, that the authority determines is reasonably necessary to achieve the purposes of this act, and grant or acquire licenses, easements, and options.

(d) Fix, charge, and collect fees, rents, and charges for the use of any facility, building, or property under its control or any part of the facility, building, or property.

(e) Lease, in whole or in part, any facility, building, or property under its control.

(f) Solicit and accept grants and donations of money, property, labor, or other things of value from a public or private source.

History: 2008, Act 549, Imd. Eff. Jan. 13, 2009.

390.1675 Budget.

Sec. 15. (1) The board shall adopt a budget for the operation of the authority for each fiscal year, before the beginning of that fiscal year, based on a budget submitted to it by the director. The budget shall be prepared in the manner and contain the information required of municipal departments. Unless authorized by the governing body, the budget of an authority shall not include any money of the eligible entity.

(2) The budget described in subsection (1) shall include the amount the authority intends to disburse to each eligible student in the fiscal year covered by the budget. Subject to the maximum amounts described in section 7(2)(a), the board shall establish the amount of the annual payment to eligible students and, in making that determination, shall consider the financial resources available to the authority for disbursement to those students.

History: 2008, Act 549, Imd. Eff. Jan. 13, 2009;—Am. 2013, Act 210, Imd. Eff. Dec. 23, 2013.

390.1677 Capture of state education tax; determination of base year; payments.

Sec. 17. (1) The authority shall determine the base year for calculating the amount of incremental growth for the capture of the state education tax as provided in this section. The base year is the amount of revenue received from the collection of the state education tax in the promise zone in the year immediately preceding the year in which an authority makes its initial payment of qualified educational expenses in accordance with the promise of financial assistance or the amount of revenue received from the collection of the state education tax in the promise zone in any 1 of the 5 immediately succeeding years, whichever is less.

(2) If the authority continues to make annual payments in accordance with the promise of financial assistance, in the year immediately succeeding the base year determined in subsection (1) and each year thereafter, this state shall capture 1/2 of the increase in revenue, if any, from the collection of the state education tax. This state shall not capture any revenue from the collection of the state education tax under this act if that revenue is subject to capture under any other law of this state. Proceeds from the capture of the state education tax under this section shall be deposited in the state treasury and credited to a restricted fund to be used solely for the purposes of this act.

(3) If the authority continues to make annual payments of qualified educational expenses in accordance with the promise of financial assistance, 2 years after the authority's initial payment of financial assistance and

each year thereafter, this state shall pay to the authority the state education tax captured under subsection (2). If the boundaries of 2 or more promise zones created under this act overlap, payments under this section shall only be made to the first authority eligible for payment under this subsection. If the boundaries of a promise zone are changed by merger or otherwise, the department of treasury may adjust the calculation of the tax revenue capture under this section to reflect that change.

(4) If at any time the authority does not make annual payments of qualified educational expenses in accordance with the promise for financial assistance, any amount captured from that promise zone in the restricted fund created under subsection (2) shall be paid into the school aid fund established in section 11 of article IX of the state constitution of 1963.

(5) For purposes of this section, payments under this section shall not be included in determining payments for financial assistance in the immediately preceding year.

History: 2008, Act 549, Imd. Eff. Jan. 13, 2009;—Am. 2013, Act 210, Imd. Eff. Dec. 23, 2013;—Am. 2016, Act 9, Imd. Eff. Feb. 16, 2016.

390.1679 Department of treasury; assumption of operational control; dissolution; resolution; use of remaining property and assets.

Sec. 19. (1) The department of treasury shall oversee the operations of any promise zone authority or board created under this act. If the department of treasury determines that the actions of a promise zone authority or board are not in accordance with the promise zone development plan, the department of treasury may assume operational control of that promise zone authority or board. If a promise zone authority does not begin making annual payments of qualified educational expenses in accordance with the promise of financial assistance within 2 years of obtaining approval of its promise zone development plan under section 7, the department may dissolve the promise zone.

(2) An authority that has completed the purposes for which it was organized shall be dissolved by resolution of the governing body. The property and assets of the authority remaining after the satisfaction of the obligations of the authority belong to the eligible entity and shall be used solely for purposes of promoting access to postsecondary education pursuant to resolution of the governing body of the eligible entity.

History: 2008, Act 549, Imd. Eff. Jan. 13, 2009;—Am. 2016, Act 9, Imd. Eff. Feb. 16, 2016.

Act No. 99
Public Acts of 2024
Approved by the Governor
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**STATE OF MICHIGAN
102ND LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION OF 2024**

Introduced by Senators Bayer, Geiss, Shink, Camilleri, McDonald Rivet, Irwin, McMorrow,
Cavanagh, Wojno, Chang, Santana and Anthony

ENROLLED SENATE BILL No. 350

AN ACT to amend 2008 PA 549, entitled “An act to authorize the creation of promise zones; to authorize the creation of promise zone authorities and the implementation of promise zone development plans; to prescribe the powers and duties of promise zone authorities; to provide for the capture and disbursement of certain tax revenue; and to prescribe powers and duties of certain state and local officials,” by amending section 3 (MCL 390.1663), as amended by 2020 PA 330.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

Sec. 3. As used in this act:

- (a) “Authority” means a promise zone authority created under this act.
- (b) “Board” means the governing body of an authority.
- (c) “Eligible entity” means a city, township, county, local school district, or intermediate school district, in which the percentage of families with children under age 18 that are living at or below the federal poverty level is greater than or equal to the state average of families with children under age 18 living at or below the federal poverty level, as determined by the department of treasury.
- (d) “Federal poverty level” means the poverty guidelines published annually in the Federal Register by the United States Department of Health and Human Services under its authority to revise the poverty line under 42 USC 9902.
- (e) “Governing body” means the elected body of an eligible entity that has legislative powers.
- (f) “Nonpublic high school” means a high school operated by a nonpublic school that includes grades 9 to 12 or 10 to 12 and that awards a high school diploma. Nonpublic high school also includes a general education development test.
- (g) “Nonpublic school” means that term as defined in section 5 of the revised school code, 1976 PA 451, MCL 380.5.
- (h) “Promise of financial assistance” means a commitment by an eligible entity to provide financial resources for public or private postsecondary education, including a vocational program, to eligible students living in a promise zone and who have graduated from a public high school or nonpublic high school located within that promise zone.
- (i) “Promise zone” means that area created by a governing body under this act.
- (j) “Promise zone development plan” means that plan developed by an authority under this act that will ensure that the financial resources are available to adequately fund the promise of financial assistance.

(k) "Public high school" means a public school that includes grades 9 to 12 or 10 to 12 and that awards a high school diploma.

(l) "Public school" means that term as defined in section 5 of the revised school code, 1976 PA 451, MCL 380.5.

(m) "Qualified educational expenses" means tuition and fees required for the enrollment or attendance of a student at an educational institution, and may also include, if provided for in an authority's promise zone development plan, any of the following:

(i) Expenses for fees, books, supplies, and equipment required for courses of instruction at that educational institution.

(ii) Other costs of attendance, including the cost of housing and food; transportation expenses; federal student loan fees; miscellaneous expenses, including a reasonable amount for the documented cost of a personal computer; allowance for child care or other dependent care; costs related to a disability; costs of obtaining a license, certification, or a first professional credential; and reasonable costs for study abroad programs.

(n) "School district" means that term as defined in the revised school code, 1976 PA 451, MCL 380.1 to 380.1852.

(o) "State education tax" means the tax levied under the state education tax act, 1993 PA 331, MCL 211.901 to 211.906.

(p) "Vocational program" means an education or training program intended to teach a trade, occupation, or vocation and offered by a public or private postsecondary institution in this state.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.



Secretary of the Senate



Clerk of the House of Representatives

Approved _____

Governor

Act No. 109
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**STATE OF MICHIGAN
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REGULAR SESSION OF 2024**

Introduced by Senator Anthony

ENROLLED SENATE BILL No. 555

AN ACT to amend 2008 PA 549, entitled “An act to authorize the creation of promise zones; to authorize the creation of promise zone authorities and the implementation of promise zone development plans; to prescribe the powers and duties of promise zone authorities; to provide for the capture and disbursement of certain tax revenue; and to prescribe powers and duties of certain state and local officials,” by amending sections 5, 7, and 11 (MCL 390.1665, 390.1667, and 390.1671), as amended by 2016 PA 9.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

Sec. 5. (1) If a governing body, by resolution, establishes a promise zone under section 4(5), the governing body shall, by resolution, create a promise zone authority.

(2) An authority is a public body corporate that may sue and be sued in any court of this state. An authority possesses all the powers necessary to carry out its purpose. The enumeration of a power in this act must not be construed as a limitation on the general powers of an authority.

(3) An authority shall be under the supervision and control of a board. All of the following apply to the board of an authority:

(a) The board consists of 11 members, as follows:

(i) Nine locally appointed members. The chief executive officer of the eligible entity, with the advice and consent of the governing body, shall appoint the 9 initial locally appointed members of the board described in this subparagraph. If a vacancy occurs in an office of a locally appointed member appointed under this subparagraph, the board shall appoint a new member to fill that vacancy. As used in this subparagraph, for a local school district or an intermediate school district, “chief executive officer” means the superintendent of that local school district or intermediate school district.

- (ii) Subject to subsection (4), 1 member appointed by the senate majority leader.
 - (iii) Subject to subsection (4), 1 member appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives.
 - (b) Not more than 3 members of the board may be government officials.
 - (c) One member of the board must be a representative of the public school community.
 - (d) The term of office of a member of the board is 4 years. However, of the members first appointed, an equal number of the members, as near as is practicable, must be appointed for 1 year, 2 years, 3 years, and 4 years.
 - (e) A member of the board shall hold office until the member's successor is appointed.
 - (f) Members of the board shall serve without compensation, but may be reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses.
 - (g) The board shall elect the chairperson of the board.
- (4) Both of the following apply to any individual appointed to the board under subsection (3)(a)(ii) or (iii) on or after the effective date of the amendatory act that added this subsection:
- (a) To be eligible for the appointment, the individual must reside in the promise zone or within reasonable proximity of it.
 - (b) To continue serving as a member of the board, the individual must continue to reside in the promise zone or within reasonable proximity of it. For purposes of this subdivision and subdivision (a), an individual resides within reasonable proximity of a promise zone if the individual resides within a county contiguous to the promise zone.
- (5) Before assuming the duties of office, a member shall qualify by taking and subscribing to the constitutional oath of office.
- (6) The proceedings and rules of the board are subject to the open meetings act, 1976 PA 267, MCL 15.261 to 15.275. The board shall adopt rules governing its procedure and the holding of regular meetings, subject to the approval of the governing body. Special meetings may be held if called in the manner provided in the rules of the board.
- (7) After having been given notice and an opportunity to be heard, a member of the board may be removed for cause by the governing body.
- (8) A writing prepared, owned, used, in the possession of, or retained by the board in the performance of an official function is subject to the freedom of information act, 1976 PA 442, MCL 15.231 to 15.246.

Sec. 7. (1) A promise zone authority created under section 5 shall prepare a promise zone development plan.

(2) A promise zone development plan must include, but is not limited to, all of the following:

- (a) A complete description of the proposed promise of financial assistance. The proposed promise of financial assistance must include, but is not limited to, a promise of financial assistance to all eligible students residing within the promise zone and who graduate from a public high school or nonpublic high school located within that promise zone, in an amount established by the board to reflect the amount available for disbursement to eligible students and included in the annual budget under section 15. The amount of the proposed promise of financial assistance must, at a minimum, equal or exceed the amount the board determines is sufficient to pay for the qualified educational expenses for an eligible student to obtain an associate degree at a community or junior college in this state, and must not exceed the amount the board determines is sufficient to pay for the qualified educational expenses for an eligible student to obtain a bachelor's degree or its equivalent at a public postsecondary institution in this state or combination of public postsecondary institutions in this state, subject to any limitations authorized under this section. The proposed promise of financial assistance may also, at most, provide funding for an eligible student to attend a private college in this state in an amount that does not exceed the average amount of qualified educational expenses to obtain a bachelor's degree at all public universities in this state. The proposed promise of financial assistance may also authorize the expenditure of funds for educational improvement activities designed to increase student readiness for postsecondary education at public schools located in the promise zone or success programming designed to increase student degree or certificate attainment at postsecondary partner institutions and their entry into the workforce.
- (b) A complete description of any limitation on the promise of financial assistance, including, but not limited to, any of the following:
 - (i) If the promise of financial assistance will be prorated based on the number of years the student has resided within the promise zone.
 - (ii) If the promise of financial assistance will be restricted to students who have resided within or attended a public high school or nonpublic high school within the promise zone for a minimum number of years.

(iii) If the promise of financial assistance is predicated on the student maintaining a minimum college grade point average and carrying a minimum college credit hour classload.

(iv) If the promise of financial assistance is restricted to attendance at 1 or more public or private postsecondary institutions in this state.

(v) If the promise of financial assistance is limited to students whose cumulative high school grade point average exceeds a specified minimum. However, a board may revise, establish, or eliminate a high school grade point average requirement for students after it submits a promise zone development plan to the department of treasury and is not required to amend the plan or obtain approval from the department of treasury for that change.

(vi) If the promise of financial assistance is limited to students who comply with requirements established by the board in order to improve student progress toward degree completion.

(vii) If the promise of financial assistance in a promise zone that encompasses more than 2 school districts is limited to students who reside in and graduate from high schools located within the boundaries of fewer than all of its constituent school districts.

(c) A requirement that graduates of a public high school or nonpublic high school exhaust all other known and available restricted grants for qualified educational expenses for postsecondary education provided by a federal, state, or local governmental entity, as determined by the board.

(d) How the funds necessary to accomplish the promise of financial assistance will be raised. Any amount received under the state school aid act of 1979, 1979 PA 94, MCL 388.1601 to 388.1896, must not be included as a method of raising the necessary funds. The promise zone development plan must be financed from 1 or more of the following sources:

(i) Donations.

(ii) Revenues.

(iii) Money obtained from other sources approved by the governing body or otherwise authorized by law.

(e) An actuarial model of how much the proposed plan is estimated to cost, based on actuarial formulas developed by the department of treasury.

(f) A complete description of the criteria and procedures by which the performance of students receiving financial assistance pursuant to the proposed plan will be assessed and reported. This assessment and reporting methodology must include, but is not limited to, the submission of a written report by no later than October 31 of each year to the department of treasury. This annual report must include the following information, which may be obtained, in whole or in part, from any reliable source that complies with applicable laws regarding student privacy:

(i) The number of students who received financial assistance pursuant to the authority's approved promise zone development plan during the prior academic year.

(ii) Of those students accounted for under subparagraph (i), the number who successfully completed the following:

(A) A certificate or associate program.

(B) A bachelor's program.

(iii) Of those students accounted for under subparagraph (i), the number who withdrew from classes during the prior academic year.

(iv) Of those students accounted for under subparagraph (i) who initially reached successful completion of more than the equivalent of 23 semester credits during the prior academic year, the average time to successfully complete the equivalent of 24 semester credits.

(v) The 6-year graduation rate for recipients of financial assistance pursuant to the authority's approved promise zone development plan.

(3) The proposed promise of financial assistance under subsection (2) must not include funding for attendance at a public or private postsecondary institution not located in this state.

(4) The board shall submit the promise zone development plan to the department of treasury within 5 years after the eligibility to establish the promise zone was certified by the department of treasury under section 4(4). If a promise zone development plan is not submitted within this time frame, the department of treasury may dissolve the promise zone. The promise zone development plan must be published on the website of the eligible entity that established the promise zone.

(5) The department of treasury shall review the promise zone development plan submitted under subsection (4). Not more than 60 days after receipt of a promise zone development plan submitted under subsection (4), the department of treasury shall either approve the promise zone development plan or provide a written notice of deficiencies. If the department of treasury does not approve a promise zone development plan

submitted under subsection (4) or provide a written notice of deficiencies within 60 days, the promise zone development plan must be considered approved. If a promise zone development plan is approved, the department of treasury shall certify that the promise zone development plan meets all requirements under this act and is sustainable.

(6) The department of treasury shall review any proposed amendments to a promise zone development plan. Not more than 60 days after receipt of proposed amendments to a promise zone development plan, the department of treasury shall either approve the proposed amendments or provide a written notice of deficiencies. If the department of treasury does not approve proposed amendments or provide a written notice of deficiencies within 60 days, the proposed amendments must be considered approved. If proposed amendments are approved, the department of treasury shall certify that the amendments meet all requirements under this act.

(7) A promise zone development plan approved under this act before February 16, 2016 must be amended as necessary to meet the assessment and reporting requirements described in subsection (2)(f). The amendment must include a first annual reporting deadline not later than October 31, 2017. The board shall submit the amendment to the department of treasury within 60 days after February 16, 2016 and the amendment is subject to the review process set forth in subsection (6).

Sec. 11. (1) The board may employ a director. All of the following apply to a director employed by a board under this subsection:

- (a) The board shall establish the director's compensation.
- (b) The director serves at the pleasure of the board.
- (c) A member of the board is not eligible to hold the position of director.

(d) Before beginning the duties of office, the director shall take and subscribe to the constitutional oath and furnish a bond in an amount determined in the resolution establishing the authority, payable to the authority for use and benefit of the authority, approved by the board, and filed with the clerk of the eligible entity. The premium on the bond must be considered an operating expense of the authority, payable from money available to the authority for expenses of operation.

- (e) The director is the chief executive officer of the authority.

(2) Subject to the approval of the board, the director shall supervise and is responsible for implementing the promise zone development plan and the performance of the functions of the authority in the manner authorized under this act. The director shall attend the meetings of the board and shall provide to the board, the governing body, and the chief executive officer of the eligible entity a regular report covering the activities and financial condition of the authority. If the director is absent or disabled, the board may designate a qualified person as acting director to perform the duties of the office. Before beginning the duties of office, the acting director shall take and subscribe to the oath, and furnish a bond, as required of the director under subsection (1)(d). The director shall furnish the board with any information or reports governing the operation of the authority that the board requires.

(3) The board may employ and fix the compensation of a treasurer, who shall keep the financial records of the authority and who, together with the director, shall approve all vouchers for the expenditure of money of the authority. The treasurer shall perform all duties delegated to the treasurer by the board and shall furnish a bond in an amount prescribed by the board.

(4) The board may employ and fix the compensation of a secretary, who shall maintain custody of the official seal and of records, books, documents, or other papers the treasurer is not required to maintain. The secretary shall attend meetings of the board and keep a record of its proceedings and shall perform other duties delegated by the board.

- (5) The board may retain legal counsel to advise the board in the proper performance of its duties.

- (6) The board may employ any other personnel that the board considers necessary.

(7) The authority shall immediately deposit any money it receives to the credit of the authority, subject to disbursement under this act.

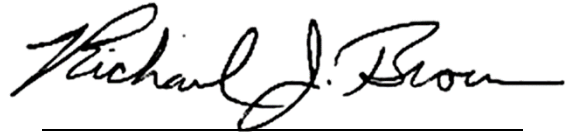
(8) Beginning in the first fiscal year in which it receives revenue from the state from the capture of state education tax revenue under section 17, the authority may use not more than 15% of the amount of that revenue to pay for administrative costs. As used in this subsection, "administrative costs" does not include the cost of personnel who provide services to students or any expenditure of funds for implementing and carrying out educational improvement activities or success programming for students as described in section 7(2)(a).

(9) Within 120 days after the end of each fiscal year, the board shall submit audited financial statements of the authority for that fiscal year to the department of education. The board shall include with the financial statements a certification by the board that the board and authority are in compliance with this act and with the authority's approved promise zone development plan.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.



Secretary of the Senate



Clerk of the House of Representatives

Approved _____

Governor

Michigan Achievement Scholarship Packaging

Public Act 120 of 2024



Revised 8/7/2024

How to Use This Guide

This guide includes eligibility information for students enrolling at a Community College, Tribal College, Four-year Public or Four-year Private College or University. Please navigate to the appropriate section to review eligibility and awarding criteria for your work. This information is based on the most recent 2024-25 State Budget and information is subject to change.

Community College Guarantee

Eligibility

To be considered for a Michigan Achievement Scholarship Award, a student must:

- Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).
- Be a Michigan resident since July 1 of the previous calendar year.
 - If a dependent student, the contributor(s) on the FAFSA must also be a Michigan resident.
 - This will be confirmed based on the FAFSA.
- Be a U.S. citizen, permanent resident, or approved refugee.
- Graduate from high school in Michigan with a diploma or a certificate of completion or achieved a high school equivalency certificate in 2023 or after.
- Enroll full-time as defined by the eligible institution.
 - Eligible institutions include Michigan Community Colleges and Tribal Colleges.
- Be an undergraduate student.
- Enroll at an eligible institution within 15 months of high school graduation or earning a high school equivalency certificate.
- Students are not eligible if they are in default on a federal student loan.
- Meet the institution's Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) policy.
- Students may be eligible to receive the Michigan Achievement Scholarship for up to five consecutive years total, with no more than three years at a Michigan Community College and Tribal College.
 - Students enrolled in a baccalaureate degree program at a Michigan Community College may be eligible to receive the Michigan Achievement Scholarship for up to five consecutive years.

Award Amount

Qualifying students may be eligible for:

- Up to the cost of In-District tuition if they attend a Michigan Community College or Tribal College, each year for up to 3 years.
 - For Out-of-District students, the Community College Guarantee Last-dollar amount may never exceed the student's actual In-District tuition, contact hours and mandatory fees.
- \$1,000 Michigan Achievement Bonus award for students eligible for a Federal Pell Grant.

Definitions

“Community College Guarantee Last-dollar Award” must be applied towards In-District tuition, contact hours, and mandatory fees.

“Community College Guarantee Last-dollar payment amount” for a student attending a Community College or Tribal College means an amount equal to the In-District tuition, contact hours and the student's mandatory fees for each student's actual program of study*, minus all gift aid received by the student.

*Actual program of study as it pertains to Community College Guarantee Last-dollar payment amount, refers to the actual cost of courses incurred by the student and does not limit the courses that can be paid for. Courses outside of the student's degree program may count towards both the enrollment requirement and may be paid by the Community College Guarantee Last-dollar Award.

“Michigan Achievement Bonus” Students receiving the Michigan Achievement Scholarship at the Community College or Tribal College who are eligible for Federal Pell Grants shall also receive an additional award of \$1,000.

“Mandatory fees” must be fees specified in the institution's course catalog as a condition of enrollment and/or required for the student's completion of an eligible certificate or degree (such as online fees and lab fees required for course enrollment).

“Cost of Attendance” all awards must fit within the student's individual cost of attendance.

“Gift aid” includes:

- Federal Pell Grants under 20 USC 1070a,
- Tuition Incentive Program benefits under Public Act 120 of 2024, Section 256,
- State tuition grants under Public Act 120 of 2024, Section 252,
- Michigan Achievement Scholarship Minimum Awards,
- Higher education expenses paid under the Michigan Promise Zone Authority Act, Public Act 549 of 2008, MCL 390.1661 to 390.1679, and,
- All other federal, state, local/outside, or institutional aid in the form of grants, scholarships, discounts restricted to tuition and mandatory fees.

“Gift aid” does not include:

- Other non-tuition specific state aid,
- Other non-tuition specific institutional aid,
- Other non-tuition specific local/outside aid,
- Student loans,
- Work-study awards,
- Qualified withdrawals made from education savings accounts to pay higher education expenses pursuant to the Michigan Education Savings Program Act, 2000 Public Act 161 of 2000, MCL 390.1471 to 390.1486,
- Higher education expenses paid under the Michigan education trust program pursuant to the Michigan Education Trust Act, 1986 Public Act 316 of 1986, MCL 390.1421 to 390.1442, and,
- VA benefits.

Semester Maximums

Community College Guarantee Last-dollar Award

- There is no maximum dollar amount for the Community College Guarantee Last-dollar Award.
 - Students may receive Community College Guarantee Last-dollar Award for every semester they meet eligibility requirements.

Michigan Achievement Bonus

- Community College/Tribal College
 - Fall \$500
 - Spring \$500
 - Summer (\$500 Limited to two semesters per academic year and a maximum of \$1,000)

Michigan Achievement Scholarship at Michigan Four-year Public or Private Colleges and Universities

Eligibility

To be considered for a Michigan Achievement Scholarship Award, a student must:

- Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).
- Demonstrate financial need when they complete the FAFSA— for Academic Year 2024-25, by having a [Student Aid Index \(SAI\)](#) of \$30,000 or less.
 - Students who **received** the Michigan Achievement Scholarship in Academic Year 2023-24, and have completed a 2024-25 FAFSA, shall be considered meeting the financial need component of the Michigan Achievement Scholarship for Academic Year 2024-25 regardless of their SAI. Received is defined as:
 - A student receiving payment of Michigan Achievement Scholarship, or
 - A student who met all eligibility criteria and was certified as exceeds Cost of Attendance (COA).
- Be a Michigan resident since July 1 of the previous calendar year.
 - If a dependent student, parent(s) must also be a Michigan resident since July 1 of the previous calendar year.
- Be a U.S. citizen, permanent resident, or approved refugee.

- Graduate from high school in Michigan with a diploma or a certificate of completion or achieved a high school equivalency certificate in 2023 or after.
- Enroll full-time as defined by the eligible institution.
 - Eligible institutions include Public or Private Colleges or Universities or students enrolled in a baccalaureate degree program at a Michigan Community College.
- Be an undergraduate student.
- Enroll at an eligible institution within 15 months of high school graduation or earning a high school equivalency certificate.
- Students are not eligible if they are in default on a federal student loan.
- Meet the institution's Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) policy.
- Students may be eligible to receive the Michigan Achievement Scholarship for up to five consecutive years total, with no more than three years at a Michigan Community College and Tribal College.
 - Students enrolled in a baccalaureate degree program at a Michigan Community College may be eligible to receive the Michigan Achievement Scholarship for up to five consecutive years.

Award Amount

Qualifying students may be eligible for:

- Up to \$5,500 if they attend a Michigan public university, Private College or University or are enrolled in a baccalaureate degree program at a Michigan Community College, per year
 - \$2,500 Michigan Achievement Scholarship Minimum Award
 - \$3,000 Michigan Achievement Scholarship Last-dollar Award

Semester Maximums

Michigan Achievement Scholarship Minimum Award

- Michigan Public University, Private College or University, or Baccalaureate Degree Program at a Michigan Community College
 - Fall \$1,250
 - Spring \$1,250
 - Summer (\$1,250 Limited to two semesters per academic year and a maximum of \$2,500)

* For term schools, Fall \$834, Winter \$833, Spring \$833, and Summer (\$833 Limited to three terms per academic year and a maximum of \$2,500).

Michigan Achievement Scholarship Last-dollar Award

- Michigan Public University, Private College or University, or Baccalaureate Degree Program at a Michigan Community College
 - Fall \$1,500
 - Spring \$1,500
 - Summer (\$1,500 Limited to two semesters per academic year and a maximum of \$3,000)

* For term schools, Fall \$1,000, Winter \$1,000, Spring \$1,000, and Summer (\$1,000 Limited to three terms per academic year and a maximum of \$3,000).

Definitions

“Michigan Achievement Scholarship Minimum Award” all eligible participants will receive a minimum award up to their Cost of Attendance (COA).

“Michigan Achievement Scholarship Last-dollar Award” must be applied towards tuition, contact hours, mandatory fees, and other costs up to the student’s cost of attendance.

“Last-dollar payment amount” for a student attending a Public or Private University or College, means an amount equal to the student’s individual cost of attendance, minus all gift aid received by the student.

“Mandatory fees” must be fees specified in the institution’s course catalog as a condition of enrollment and/or required for the student’s completion of an eligible certificate or degree (such as online fees and lab fees required for course enrollment).

“Cost of Attendance” all awards must fit within the student’s individual cost of attendance.

“Gift aid” includes:

- Federal Pell Grants under 20 USC 1070a,
- Tuition Incentive Program benefits under Public Act 120 of 2024, Section 256,
- State tuition grants under Public Act 120 of 2024, Section 252,
- Michigan Achievement Scholarship Minimum Awards,
- Higher education expenses paid under the Michigan Promise Zone Authority Act, Public Act 549 of 2008, MCL 390.1661 to 390.1679, and,
- All other federal, state, local/outside, or institutional aid in the form of grants, scholarships, discounts restricted to tuition and mandatory fees.

“Gift aid” does not include:

- Other non-tuition specific state aid,
- Other non-tuition specific institutional aid,
- Other non-tuition specific local/outside aid,
- Student loans,
- Work-study awards,
- Qualified withdrawals made from education savings accounts to pay higher education expenses pursuant to the Michigan Education Savings Program Act, 2000 Public Act 161 of 2000, MCL 390.1471 to 390.1486,
- Higher education expenses paid under the Michigan education trust program pursuant to the Michigan Education Trust Act, 1986 Public Act 316 of 1986, MCL 390.1421 to 390.1442, and,
- VA benefits.

Michigan Achievement Scholarship Packaging Order

The packaging order is:

1. All federal, state, local/outside (including Kalamazoo Promise), or institutional aid in the form of grants, scholarships, discounts restricted to tuition and mandatory fees. For institutional free tuition/fee guarantee/pledge programs, see [reference below](#).
2. Police Officer's and Firefighter's Survivor Tuition Grant (STG)
3. Children of Veterans Tuition Grant (CVTG)
4. Michigan Tuition Grant (MTG)
5. Futures for Frontliners (F4F)
6. Tuition Incentive Program (TIP)
7. Michigan Reconnect (Reconnect)*
8. Fostering Futures Scholarship (FFS)
 - a. Include only the tuition/fee portion.
9. Michigan Future Educator Fellowship (MI Fellowship)
10. Federal Pell Grant (Pell)
11. Promise Zone Scholarship
12. Michigan Achievement Scholarship Minimum Award**
13. Michigan Achievement Scholarship Last-dollar Award**
14. Community College Guarantee Last-dollar Award***
15. Michigan Achievement Bonus

Michigan GEAR UP (MI GEAR UP) is not tuition specific and does not need to be included in last dollar award calculations for Michigan Achievement Scholarship.

*Pell must be applied first per [Reconnect](#) program rules provided in their respective handbook published by Sixty by 30 within MiLEAP.

****Effective 2024-25, students are eligible for Michigan Achievement Minimum and Last-Dollar Awards at Four-year Public and Private Colleges or Universities or Baccalaureate Degree Programs at a Michigan Community College. The Community College Guarantee Last-dollar award and Michigan Achievement Bonus is only available at Community Colleges and Tribal Colleges.**

*** The Community College Guarantee Last-dollar amount may never exceed the student's actual In-District tuition, contact hours and mandatory fees.

Institutional Free Tuition/Fee Guarantee/Pledge Programs

Institutional grants or scholarships that are not designated as restricted to tuition and mandatory fees but were used to determine the amount covered by your pledge, promise or guarantee, may be excluded from award calculations for the minimum and last-dollar Michigan Achievement Scholarship awards.

Additionally, if your institution does not restrict your pledge, promise, or guarantee to tuition and mandatory fees, it does not need to be included as an award in the Michigan Achievement Scholarship calculations.

The minimum award and last-dollar award may need to be reduced if total awards exceed the student's Cost of Attendance.

Michigan Achievement Scholarship Standard Calculations

Community College/Tribal College

In-District Example (Fall and Winter/Spring):

COA	\$15,000
In-District Tuition and Fees Total *	\$5,000
Tuition Incentive Program	\$3,500
Federal Pell Grant	\$1,000
Community College Guarantee Last-dollar payment amount	\$500
Michigan Achievement Bonus	\$1,000

A student has a Cost of Attendance (COA) of \$15,000 and is eligible for the Community College Guarantee Last-dollar and \$1,000 Michigan Achievement Bonus.

Their tuition, contact hours, and mandatory fees total \$5,000. They received \$1,000 Federal Pell Grant (Pell) and TIP has been calculated at \$3,500 for the Fall and Winter/Spring terms.

In this scenario, first the Community College Guarantee Last-dollar would be calculated:

- $\$5,000$ (Tuition and Fees) - $\$3,500$ (TIP) - $\$1,000$ (Pell) = $\$500$. Because there is Tuition and Fee remaining, the student would be awarded \$500 in Community College Guarantee Last-dollar.

Next, the Michigan Achievement Bonus would be calculated:

- $\$15,000$ (COA) - $\$3,500$ (TIP) - $\$1,000$ (Pell) - $\$500$ (Community College Guarantee Last-Dollar) = $\$10,000$. Because there is still room remaining, the student would be awarded the full Michigan Achievement Bonus award of \$1,000.

* The Community College Guarantee Last-dollar amount may never exceed the student's actual In-District tuition, contact hours and mandatory fees.

Public and Private Four-year Colleges or Universities, or Baccalaureate Degree Program at a Michigan Community College

Example (Fall and Winter/Spring):

COA	\$30,000
Tuition and Fees Total	\$15,000
Federal Pell Grant	\$7,000
Michigan Achievement Scholarship Minimum Award	\$2,500
Michigan Achievement Scholarship Last-dollar Award	\$3,000

A student has a Cost of Attendance (COA) of \$30,000 and is eligible for a maximum of \$2,500 of Michigan Achievement Scholarship Minimum Award and \$3,000 Michigan Achievement Scholarship Last-dollar Award. Their tuition, contact hours, and mandatory fees total \$15,000. They received \$7,000 Federal Pell Grant (Pell) for the Fall and Winter/Spring terms.

In this scenario, first the Michigan Achievement Scholarship Minimum Award would be calculated:

- $\$30,000$ (COA) - $\$7,000$ (Pell) = $\$23,000$. Because there is still room remaining, the student would be awarded the full Michigan Achievement Scholarship Minimum Award of $\$2,500$.

Next, the Michigan Achievement Scholarship Last-dollar would be calculated:

- $\$30,000$ (COA) - $\$7,000$ (Pell) - $\$2,500$ (Michigan Achievement Scholarship Minimum Award) = $\$20,500$. Because there is still room remaining, the student would be awarded the full Michigan Achievement Scholarship Last-dollar Award of $\$3,000$.

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State and Local Tuition Funding Resources

COLLEGE FUNDING SOURCE	PELL GRANT	MICHIGAN TIP FUNDING	MICHIGAN CC GUARANTEE	MICHIGAN RECONNECT	MICHIGAN ACHIEVEMENT	MASON CO. PROMISE
Cohort year funded/Ages funded	All High School Graduates, GED or Equivalency recipient	All--must graduate from High School by age 20	2023 HS Graduates and after	Ages 25 and up, in perpetuity; 21 and up can qualify until 11-15-24	2023 HS Graduates and after	Resident for up to 6 years after graduation/GED
Funds tuition and fees?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Funds other Costs of Attendance?	Yes	No	No, unless Pell recipient, then can receive up to \$1000/yr	No	Yes	N/A until after 2024
Books/ed supplies?	If funds remain, after tuition is covered, can be used for books	No	No	No	If funds remain, after tuition is covered, can be used for books	\$500 specific for books/supplies for 1 or 2 years, if qualified
Annual application/Renewal Required	FAFSA	FAFSA	FAFSA	FAFSA	FAFSA	Promise App
FAFSA Required?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

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Uses Federal Grants First?	N/A	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Uses State Grants First?	No	No	Yes	No	Sometimes	Yes for TIP or Reconnect
Uses local scholarship first?	No	No	Yes, if designated for tuition only	No	No	No
First Dollar?	Yes	Yes (tuition only)	No	No	No	No
Middle Dollar?	N/A	No	No	Yes (applied before Promise)	Yes	Yes
Last Dollar?	N/A	no	Yes	No	Yes	No
Time Limit?	150% (3 years for Associate, 6 years for bachelors)	Must use within 10 years of high school graduation	Must start w/in 15 months of graduation, and have up to 4 years total to use	Until first associate degree or up to 4 years after first use	Must start w/in 15 months of graduation, and have up to 5 years total to use	6 years after high school graduation/GED
Full-time Required?	No	Half-time or more	Yes	Half-time or more	Yes	No minimum credits required
Income Limited?	Yes	No--required medicaid participation as a youth	No	No	Yes--SAI \$30,00 or more in 2024	No

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Residency required?	US Citizenship/approved refugee/permanent resident	US Citizenship/approved refugee/permanent resident & Michigan resident	Michigan resident since July 1 prior to high school graduation	Michigan resident since July 1 prior to high school graduation	Michigan resident since July 1 prior to high school graduation	Mason County--1 year at time of graduation/GED
Income limited?	Yes	No--Medicaid participation as a youth	No	No	Yes--\$30,000 SAI for 2024	No
HS GPA minimum?	No	No	No	No	No	No
College GPA minimum?	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0
Good standing required?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Total credit limit?	Not specified	80	Up to first associate degree or 4 years	Up to first associate degree or 4 years	Up to bachelor's degree or 5 years	72 credits or 6 years (whichever comes first)
Institution restricted?	No	Michigan 2-year programs only (CCs & some 4-years)	Michigan CCs	Michigan CCs	Michigan Public and Private 4-year schools	WSCC

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GED?	Yes	Yes (prior to age 20)	No	Yes	No	Yes
HS Equivalency	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Homeschool	Yes	Yes, per institution	Yes, per institution	Yes, per institution	Yes, per institution	Yes, if state registered
Total funds available?	Up to 7395/yr. for each eligible year; limited to 150% time to degree	Varies--tuition covered up to first associate degree or 80 credits for Phase 1; Phase 2 up to \$2000 total	Varies--tuition covered up to first associate degree	Varies--tuition covered up to first associate degree	\$5500/yr for Public; \$4000/yr for Private up to four years of award	Varies--Tuition covered up to 72 credits or 6 years after graduation, whichever comes first.