

We are thrilled about your participation in Michigan Reconnect scholarship program! Alongside your congratulatory letter from the State of Michigan (SOM), KCC's Financial Aid Department is here to share key information to help you maintain your scholarship eligibility.

About Reconnect

Michigan Reconnect is a four-year last-dollar state scholarship program that pays up to in-district tuition, mandatory fees, and excess contact hour tuition at an eligible Michigan Community or Tribal college. To be eligible for free in-district tuition at a public community college in Michigan, you must:

- Be at least 25 years old when you apply.
*Students ages 21-24 MUST have applied prior to the deadline of **December 31, 2024**.
- Be a Michigan resident for at least 1 year.
- Have a high school diploma, high school equivalency (ex: GED), or certificate of completion.
- Have not yet earned an associate or bachelor's degree.

What is last dollar?

- As a last-dollar award, Michigan Reconnect will cover your remaining eligible balance (up to in-district tuition rate, mandatory and class fees, and excess contact hour tuition) *after* Pell Grant and any other tuition-based scholarships have been applied towards your eligible balance.

What does Michigan Reconnect cover?

- Up to the in-district tuition rate.
- Mandatory fees and fees required for class enrollment.
- Contact hours (extra charges for certain courses and programs).
- One certificate and/or one associate within the same field of study.

What does Reconnect not cover?

- Out-of-district tuition and mandatory fee differential (The difference in cost between the out-of-district and in-district tuition rates).
- Graduation, study abroad, as well as miscellaneous fees and charges.
- Books, course materials, and book fees built into specific courses.

When will you be awarded?

- The State of Michigan's information roster is received and reviewed each week. Students listed on this roster will be awarded a \$2000 placeholder amount for each semester. The placeholder of \$2000 will be adjusted at the time of transmittal to your eligible award each semester.

To Maintain Eligibility students must:

NOTE: *Scholarship eligibility will be lost if you do not maintain the following annual eligibility requirements or if you have graduated with an associate degree.*

- **Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)** when available at <https://studentaid.gov> listing KCC (Kellogg Community College) as your first college of choice on the FAFSA with School Code: 002276.
- **Maintain Michigan residency for at least the immediately preceding year.**
 1. If considered dependent by federal student aid standards, parents must maintain continuous Michigan residency from July 1 of the previous calendar year.
 2. **If 21-24 and considered Independent by federal student aid standards**, you must have maintained Michigan residency since July 1 of the previous calendar year.
- **Enroll in federal aid eligible certificate or associate degree program.**
 1. Register for classes, in at least 1 credit hour per semester, within your program of study only. **NOTE: classes taken outside of your program of study are ineligible for federal and/or state aid.**
- **Complete 12 credit hours by the end of an academic year as follows:**
 1. **If enrolled in at least 1 credit hour per semester** as an eligible Reconnect participant, you must complete at least 12 credit hours in your program of study during the academic year. The academic year consist of fall, spring, and summer semesters.
 2. If you plan to begin enrollment in at least 1 credit hour during the spring or summer semesters as an eligible Reconnect participant, you must complete at least 12 credit hours in your program of study by the end of the following academic year, no later than the **summer semester of the next academic year.**
 3. **Postponement Request / Leave of Absence (LOA)** - If you are unable to complete the 12-credit hour requirement within your program eligibility period due to being accepted and waitlisted into Nursing or an Allied Health Program or if you experienced a well-documented extenuating circumstance, you may request a scholarship postponement by contacting the Financial Aid Department, at email address reconnect@kellogg.edu.
- **Maintain a minimum 2.0 cumulative GPA since becoming a Michigan Reconnect Participant.**
 1. Your Federal SAP (Satisfactory Academic Progress) status may not prevent eligibility or awarding of the Michigan Reconnect program. Credit hours earned or unearned prior to becoming a Michigan Reconnect participant will not be calculated towards your required Reconnect 2.0 cumulative GPA.

Resources:

- Michigan Reconnect Frequently Asked Questions:
<https://www.michigan.gov/reconnect/community-college/faqs>
- KCC Michigan Financial Aid information, drop down menu at
<https://kellogg.edu/admissions/financial-aid/financial-aid-award-types/>
- KCC Federal Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) Standards, please visit
<https://kellogg.edu/admissions/financial-aid/satisfactory-academic-progress/>

Additional Questions? Should you have additional questions or concerns regarding your Michigan Reconnect Scholarship, please contact the Financial Aid Department by email at Reconnect@kellogg.edu or call (269) 965-4123.