

Free Community College Tuition – SC4 FAQ

The following FAQ is to provide general information on free community college tuition. More detailed information may be found at Michigan.gov/mistudentaid or SC4.edu

Q: Who qualifies for free community college tuition?

A: The state of Michigan has several free tuition programs. The latest program announced, the Community College Guarantee, is for 2023 and 2024 Michigan high school graduates and is a scholarship for in-district tuition/fees at a Michigan community college.

Q: How do I apply for the Community College Guarantee scholarship?

A: Complete a FAFSA and have it sent to SC4. The SC4 Financial Aid Office will automatically apply the Community College Guarantee to qualified students. Students must be enrolled full-time to qualify. Qualified out-of-district students will receive up to the in-district tuition/fee amount as an award and be responsible for any remaining balance.

Q: What if I am not a 2023 or 2024 Michigan high school graduate?

A: Other programs may be available for students with some programs up to 100% of tuition/fee (free tuition), such as Reconnect (age 21+), Tuition Incentive Program (TIP), and the Federal Pell Grant. Completion of a FAFSA is required for all programs. SC4 Financial Aid experts will coordinate the best combination of program funds to assist each SC4 student.

Q: What should I tell someone asking about available student financial aid programs?

A: The best advice is to take the following steps:

- Complete a FAFSA and have it sent to SC4
- Enroll at SC4 and monitor your account for aid and due dates
- Check your student account on the SC4 portal. Any aid you qualify for will be posted to your account

Q: Should I still apply for other scholarships?

A: YES! The free tuition programs are only for tuition and fees. Scholarships may be needed to support the cost of attending college such as books, housing, transportation, etc. Scholarships will continue to be awarded to support students with costs to attend college.

Q: Where can I get more information?

A: Visit the SC4 website for the latest information on financial aid. Visit Michigan.gov/mistudentaid for more information.

Q: I am in the Bluewater Middle College (BWMC) or the Career Technical Middle College (CTMC). I am taking dual-enrolled courses. Do the Michigan tuition-free program announcements impact me?

A: BWMC, CTMC and dual enrollment are already tuition-free to students in those programs. The recently announced initiatives for free community college tuition are only available to high school graduates. BWMC, CTMC and dual enrollment are great opportunities for students to earn college credits for free while in high school. (Dual enrollment is free up to a cap. Some courses require students to pay a balance)

Go Skippers!

* FAFSA – Free Application for Federal Student Aid.