



Journey to College Guide

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Kearsley High School

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Dear Students and Parents,

This handbook is a resource to help guide our students on their journey to college (and other post-secondary opportunities). At Kearsley High School (KHS), we are committed to helping our students attain their college/career goals. Please feel free to contact your counselor at any time with questions.

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Junior Year

- ❑ Start thinking about where you want to go to college. (See p. 17 & p.18)
- ❑ Visit the colleges you are considering attending. (See p.6)
- ❑ Take the SAT and/or ACT. This is necessary to attend a 4-year college. (See “SAT / ACT” on p.6) Juniors (Class of 2021) will take the SAT for free as part of the Michigan Merit Exam (MME) on **April 14th, 2019**. In addition, students may still opt to take the SAT/ACT during one of the national test dates for a fee. Register online for the SAT (\$49.50 for 2019-20) at <https://sat.collegeboard.org> and for the ACT (\$50.50 for 2019-20) at www.act.org.
- ❑ Create a list of activities and awards you have received throughout high school. You are encouraged to use your Career Cruising EDP to document this information. You may use this information for both college and scholarship applications.
- ❑ Meet with your counselor if you are interested in playing college athletics. You need to make sure you will meet all of the requirements for eligibility through the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA). This includes taking the correct number of approved core classes, maintaining a high enough grade point average, and scoring high enough on the SAT/ACT. (See p.7)
- ❑ Maintain a high grade point average! Most colleges will make a decision to admit you based on your courses chosen and performance/GPA through the end of your junior year.
- ❑ Visit the **Career Center** (Room 107) to research careers, take interest inventories, and get information about colleges and the military and a scholarship listing.
- ❑ Set-up an account with **Parchment**, which will allow you to request for your Kearsley High School transcript to be sent to colleges, scholarship organizations, and/or the NCAA Eligibility Center. Go to www.parchment.com to register. You must have a valid e-mail address to set-up a Parchment account. It is preferred to use a non-Kearsley Schools email so that your account still remains active after you graduate.
- ❑ Research summer enrichment opportunities since they have the potential to both improve your college admissibility and your level of college success. (See p.3)

Summer Enrichment Opportunities

Kettering University Pre-College Programs

<http://www.kettering.edu/precollege>

Michigan Tech Youth Programs

<https://www.syp.mtu.edu/>

Michigan State University Youth Programs

<http://spartanyouth.msu.edu/>

Ferris State University Summer Academic Camps

<http://www.ferris.edu/cps/summercamps/>

West Point Summer Leaders Experience

<http://www.westpoint.edu/admissions/SitePages/Summer.aspx>

Questbridge Pre-College Summer Programs

<https://www.questbridge.org/high-school-students/college-prep-scholars/summer-programs>

The Joyce Ivy Foundation Summer Scholars Program

<https://www.joyceivyfoundation.org/college-summer-programs.html>

Army Educational Outreach Program

<https://www.usaeop.com/>

American Legion Youth Career Law Enforcement Program

<https://www.legion.org/juniorlaw>

American Legion Boys State

<https://www.legion.org/boysnation/stateabout>

American Legion Auxiliary Girls State

<http://michalaux.org/girls-state/>

Lions of Michigan Youth Exchange Program

<http://lionsofmi.com/lions-youth-exchange-program/>

AFS Intercultural Programs

<http://www.afs.org/>

YFU Exchange Programs

<http://www.yfu-usa.org/>

U.S. Senate Page Program

<http://www.stabenow.senate.gov/services/for-students/becoming-a-page>

College Planning Calendar 2020-2021

Senior Year

August:

- Make sure you have selected appropriate classes. Colleges will consider your senior year classes and performance when making final admissions decisions.
- Register for the September or October ACT or SAT test. (Don't miss deadline!) Remember that colleges accept your highest scores for admissions and scholarships.
- Register with NCAA if you are planning on participating in college athletics (NCAA Division 1 or 2) <https://web3.ncaa.org/ecwr3/>

September:

- Apply to colleges NOW, especially competitive schools: MSU and U of M-Ann Arbor (See p.6)
- Meet with your counselor to discuss college, trade school, military or employment plans.
- Meet with college representatives as they visit KHS (See p.6). Sign-up sheets are posted on the Counseling Office wall!
- Research and apply for scholarships (various deadlines throughout senior year).
- Re-take SAT or ACT test (for higher score).

October:

- File **2021–22 FAFSA** (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) starting Oct. 1, 2020 www.fafsa.gov (See p.8).
- Attend Kearsley's College Financial Aid (FAFSA) Workshop for parents and students (See p.8).
- Re-take ACT or SAT test (for higher score).

November - December:

- Most colleges expect applications to be submitted by this time (See p.6).
- Re-take the ACT or SAT test (for higher score).

January – February:

- Apply for Kearsley Scholarships (applications available online and in KHS Counseling Office in mid-January) (See p.11-12).
- Local college applications may still be accepted (Mott Community College, U of M-Flint, Baker College).
- Register for Advanced Placement (AP) Exams (if enrolled in AP courses at KHS).

March - April:

- Make final college decisions.
- Do not forget to send a DEPOSIT to the college you plan to attend.
- Meet early March application deadline for Kearsley Scholarships (See p.11-12).
- Starting in April, apply for Genesee Opportunity Scholarship/Stipend, which is available to all students who live in and attend high school in Genesee County. www.geneseego.org

May:

- Take Advanced Placement (AP) Exams.
- Complete "Senior Summary."

General Information for College-Bound Students

- Meeting high school graduation requirements is different than meeting college admissions/entry requirements. Every college has different standards when it comes to admissions requirements.
- Also, meeting high school graduation requirements is different than meeting NCAA Division 1 or 2 athletic eligibility requirements. Students who are interested in earning both freshmen eligibility and scholarships to NCAA Division 1 or 2 colleges **MUST** meet the NCAA Division 1 or 2 athletic eligibility requirements. These students **MUST** also register with the NCAA Eligibility Center after their junior year of high school (See p. 7).
- ALL community colleges and some 4-year colleges have “open admissions,” which means that they accept everyone who possesses a high school diploma.
- Most colleges are interested in a student’s cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) paired with the difficulty level of courses taken. Also, college admissions test scores (SAT/ACT) are given consideration.
- “Selective” colleges tend to prefer students who have successfully completed most/all Honors and Advanced Placement classes available to them. Furthermore, “selective” colleges prefer students who have demonstrated a commitment to 1-2 extra-curricular activities over a long period of time; who have excelled in those activities; who have assumed leadership roles in those activities.
- The “best” college for a student depends on his/her career aspirations (majors available) and his/her “feel” for the college campus/environment. This “feel” component often gets overlooked, yet it is so important. The college chosen will be the new “home” for the student, so it better be a “comfortable fit.” The size of the campus, size of the student body, location of the campus, “natural environment” of the campus, dorm environment, and “community environment” surrounding the campus are all critical factors. Therefore, college visitations are a necessary part of the college search and decision-making process.
- All college-bound students should have a 1st, 2nd, and 3rd choice college that he/she applies to. One of these choices should be a “safe” choice, meaning that acceptance is a guarantee or a virtual guarantee. Quite often, the safe choice is close to home.
- A student’s 1st, 2nd, and 3rd choice colleges are the best resources for financial aid. Every college has merit scholarships available for incoming freshmen. Scholarship awards are based on GPA, SAT/ACT score, essay, and letters of recommendation, etc. Also, all colleges offer need-based (usually determined by the FAFSA form) financial aid, including grants (“free” money), loans, work-study, etc. As a general rule, it is not a good idea to rely on scholarships to pay for college since it is so difficult to earn them.

Senior Information

College Applications (September – October)

Seniors are encouraged to apply to the college(s) of their choice by the end of October. Those applying to highly selective schools or specialized career programs should apply even earlier. Students are strongly encouraged to apply online, and quite often, the application fee is waived for online applicants. If you absolutely need a paper application, you may request it from the Counseling Office. It is essential to 1) carefully and accurately complete your college applications; 2) submit a request through **Parchment** to have your transcript sent to each college you've applied to; 3) have your SAT/ACT results sent directly from SAT/ACT to each college you've applied to (you must check with each college to see if this is required). **IMPORTANT:** If submitting a **Common Application** (used by U of M-Ann Arbor), then you must provide your Counselor's e-mail address. (See p.1)

College Representatives (September – October)

Representatives from many Michigan colleges/universities visit Kearsley High School. Visitation dates and sign-up forms are available in the Counseling Office and online in September. This is a great opportunity to ask questions about each college/university.

College Night (October)

Mott Community College hosts a college fair each fall in October. Representatives from over 50 colleges and universities are on hand to talk to students and answer questions.

SAT / ACT

(SAT and ACT National Test Dates: Each test offered seven times per school year.)

Find SAT and ACT registration information in the Counseling Office and online. Register online for the SAT (\$49.50 for 2019-20) at collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/register and for the ACT (\$50.50 for 2019-20) at [www.http://www.act.org/](http://www.act.org/). Current juniors (Class of 2021) will take the SAT for free in April 2020 as part of the Michigan Merit Exam (MME). Students may choose to take the SAT or ACT repeatedly since colleges use the highest scores for admissions and scholarship purposes. A free practice test can be obtained from the Counseling Office or online at <https://www.act.org/content/act/en/products-and-services/the-act/test-preparation.html> and <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/practice>.

NCAA (Athletic Eligibility)

Students who are interested in earning both freshmen eligibility and scholarships to NCAA Division 1 or 2 colleges **MUST** meet the NCAA Division 1 or 2 athletic eligibility requirements. These students **MUST** also register with the NCAA Eligibility Center after their junior year of high school (online at <https://web3.ncaa.org/ecwr3/>). *Let your Counselor know as early as possible that you are interested in NCAA eligibility to ensure that you are taking the appropriate classes.*

College Visits

Contact the college(s) you are considering and schedule a day to visit. This is a great opportunity to see the campus (dorms, classrooms, size, etc...) and ask questions.

NCAA Division I and II Eligibility

To be recruited, participate, and earn a scholarship as a freshman athlete at a National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) *Division I or II college, a student-athlete MUST be certified by the NCAA Eligibility Center.

*NOTE: NCAA Division III and IV colleges do NOT use the NCAA Eligibility Center. If interested in a Division III or IV college (or NAIA college or NJCAA college), contact that college regarding its athletic eligibility policies. You may also review the website at <https://web3.ncaa.org/ecwr3/> and www.naia.org

When should I register with the NCAA Eligibility Center?

Students should register in June of their junior year at Kearsley High School (after 2nd semester junior year grades are posted).

How do I register with the NCAA Eligibility Center?

To register with the NCAA Eligibility Center, log on to <https://web3.ncaa.org/ecwr3/>. The cost to register during 2019-20 is \$90.00. You will need to know the Kearsley High School code # **231495** to register. If you have attended/received credit from other high schools, then you will need to provide the NCAA Eligibility Center with your dates of attendance at those high schools, too. You will also need to request that those schools submit a transcript to the NCAA Eligibility Center.

What are the NCAA initial eligibility requirements?

In order to be certified by the NCAA Eligibility Center, you must...

- Graduate from high school.
- **Successfully complete a minimum number of NCAA Approved Core Courses. (See your Kearsley High School Counselor as early as possible in your high school career for more details.)**
- Earn a minimal cumulative GPA in the required NCAA Core Courses.
- Take the SAT and earn an acceptable sum of the two sections (Mathematics/Evidence Based Reading & Writing) OR take the ACT and earn an acceptable sum of the four sections (English, Math, Reading, Science).
- Please see the “**2019-20 NCAA Guide for the College-Bound Student-Athlete**” for a list of the initial eligibility requirements. Go to www.kearsleyschools.org and click on “Kearsley High School;” hover over “Counseling”, click on “**College Athletics.**”

Financial Aid & Scholarships

Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

(May file starting on October 1, 2020 for Class of 2021!)

Students from the Class of 2021 will be able to file a 2021-22 FAFSA as early as Oct. 1, 2020 (utilizing 2019 Tax Year financial information). There is no cost to apply. The FAFSA collects demographic and financial information from students and parents to determine an Expected Family Contribution (EFC). The EFC is then used by colleges to determine a student's eligibility for Federal Pell Grants, other financial aid programs, and many state programs. The EFC is determined by a formula that is set periodically by the U.S. Congress. Once your FAFSA has been processed, you will receive a Student Aid Report (SAR), which will tell you your EFC. The FAFSA must be completed in order to be considered for federal/state grants, scholarships, loans, and work study programs.

Key FAFSA Feature: Please be aware that the FAFSA contains an IRS Data Retrieval Tool, which allows parents and/or students to securely and efficiently transfer tax return information to the FAFSA form. You must have your Federal Income Tax Return completed/submitted prior to using the IRS Data Retrieval Tool.

Related Websites:

www.fafsa.gov – Website to complete **2021-22 FAFSA**

www.studentaid.gov – Website to learn more about Federal Aid

www.michigan.gov/mistudentaid - State of Michigan Fin. Aid info

Tool to Estimate Financial Aid: By law, EVERY college/university MUST have a Net Price Calculator on its website so parents/students can determine approximately how much financial aid they can expect to receive. To access the Net Price Calculator for most colleges, go to <https://collegecost.ed.gov/>.

Financial Aid Night/Workshop (October)

Kearsley High School hosts a College Financial Aid Night/Workshop each October. College Financial Aid Office Representatives will review the FAFSA form, answer questions, and assist families with FAFSA submission.

Financial Aid & Scholarships

Scholarships

- 1) We are fortunate to have a number of local scholarships available only to Kearsley graduating seniors. Information and an application for these scholarships will be posted on the Kearsley website (www.kearsleyschools.org) in mid-January. A listing of last year's has been included in this book on p.11 and p.12.
- 2) Colleges offer scholarships based on merit and/or need to incoming freshman. You should check with your college's financial aid/scholarship office to see what is offered.
- 3) A spreadsheet of national, regional, and local scholarships is maintained/updated by Mrs. Grathoff in the Career Center (Room 107). Seniors should visit the Career Center every 2-3 weeks to check for an updated spreadsheet.
- 4) Online scholarship searches give you access to thousands of scholarships. Potential scholarship search websites include...
 - State of Michigan (hover over "Scholarships & Grants," click on "MI Scholarship Search.")
<http://www.michigan.gov/mistudentaid>
 - Sallie Mae
<https://www.salliemae.com/college-planning/>
 - College Board
<https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/scholarship-search>

BEWARE of SCHOLARSHIP SCAMS!

Victims of scholarship scams lose more than \$100 million annually. Generally speaking, paying money to get money (for college) is a scam.

Watch for:

- scholarships with application fee
- scholarship services that guarantee success
- sales pitches disguised as financial aid "seminars"

To report a financial aid scam, contact the U.S. Department of Education Office of Inspector General Fraud Hotline at 1-800-647-8733 or at <https://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/oig/hotline.html>

Helpful Scholarship Websites

- State of Michigan (hover over “Scholarships & Grants,” click on “MI Scholarship Search.”)
www.michigan.gov/mistudentaid
- Genesee Opportunity Stipend for Genesee County High School Graduates
www.geneseego.org
- David’s Faith & Hope for Life Foundation Scholarship
www.faithhopelife.com/scholarship
- Simon Youth Community Scholarship Program (Birch Run Outlets is Simon Mall)
www.syf.org/scholarships
- Michigan Council of Women in Technology Foundation Scholarship
www.mcwt.org/Scholarships_196.html
- MEA Scholarship
www.mea.org/mea-scholarship
- Big Future Scholarship Search
<https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/scholarship-search>
- Cappex Scholarship Search
www.cappex.com/scholarships
- FinAid Scholarship Search
www.finaid.org/scholarships
- Scholarship America Scholarship Programs
www.scholarshipamerica.org
- QuestBridge National College Match Scholarship
www.questbridge.org
- Jack Kent Cooke Foundation College Scholarship
www.jkcf.org/scholarships
- Horatio Alger Association Scholarship
www.horatioalger.org
- The Jackie Robinson Foundation
www.jackierobinson.org

*****This gives you an idea of the *Class of 2019 Scholarships*. Not all listings may be available to your class depending upon the sponsor.**

**Applications to Mrs. Jenkins (Secretary) in the Counseling Office by MONDAY, MARCH 1st, 2019
– NO EXCEPTIONS!**

1) Kearsley H.S. Honor Society Scholarship

\$1000 (nonrenewable)

- * Must be a Senior NHS member in good standing (those on probation are not eligible).
- * Selection criteria: scholarship, leadership, character, and service (four pillars of NHS).
- * **Include an essay regarding how your involvement both inside and outside of school exemplifies* Please attach acceptance letter to U of M – Flint. the four pillars of NHS listed above.**

2) Paul A. Webster Memorial Scholarship

\$1000 (nonrenewable)

- * Must be accepted to U of M – Flint.
- * Special consideration based on student need and commitment to higher learning.
- * **Include a short essay that describes your commitment to higher learning.**

3) George Daly College Scholarship

Amount Varies (nonrenewable)

Worth \$2000 in 2017

- * Minimum 3.0 cumulative grade point average.
- * Accepted to and will attend 4-year college full-time.
- * Kearsley H.S. student for 2 consecutive years.
- * Transcript, ACT/SAT scores, essay, and community service involvement will all be considered.

4) George Daly Vocational / Technical Scholarship

Amount Varies (nonrenewable)

Worth \$1500 in 2017

- * Minimum 2.0 cumulative grade point average.
- * Accepted to and will attend vocational /technical school full-time (emphasis on pursuit of skilled trades).
- * Kearsley H.S. student for 2 consecutive years.
- * Transcript, ACT/SAT scores, essay, and community service involvement will all be considered.

5) Pat O'Reilly Hornets' Nest Scholarship

\$750 (nonrenewable)

- * Minimum 2.5 cumulative grade point average.
- * Participant in the business or career technical education program.
- * Designed for those entering business, marketing or career technical field.
- * **Please include attachment listing all business, work, and co-op information/experience.**

6) Jane and Aubrey Burgtorf Scholarship

Two scholarships:

\$2000 (renewable one time)

\$1500 (renewable one time)

- * Minimum 3.0 cumulative grade point average.
- * Participant of two years in one of the Kearsley music programs (preferably junior and senior year).
- * Plan to attend college full-time.
- * College freshman year GPA=3.0 to renew

7) Leo Ruebke Band Scholarship

\$200 (nonrenewable)

- * Must be a member of a Kearsley instrumental group.
- * Will attend college full-time.

8) Michael Lafia Achievement Scholarship

\$1000 - \$2000 (nonrenewable)

- * Minimum 3.0 cumulative grade point average.
- * Kearsley athlete senior year (do not need to be a starter).
- * Will attend college full-time.
- * **Please include a wallet-sized picture.**

9) Patricia Smith Memorial Scholarship

Amount Varies (nonrenewable)

Worth \$2500 in 2017

- * Minimum 3.0 cumulative grade point average.
- * Commitment to pursue a career in elementary teaching.
- * Transcript, ACT/SAT scores, essay, and community service involvement will all be considered.

11) Student Leadership Scholarship

\$1000 (nonrenewable)

- * Displayed strong leadership skills throughout years at KHS (evident through participation in extracurricular activities, athletics, and service learning).
- * Students who have displayed leadership in the community are also eligible (i.e., church, big brothers/big sisters, and other clubs).
- * **Include a response to the following prompt: “How has your participation in leadership activities shaped and molded you?”**

14) The DM Burr Group Scholarship

\$1000 (nonrenewable)

- * Minimum 2.5 cumulative grade point average.
- * Will attend college full-time.
- * Demonstrate financial need.
a friend/classmate.

16) Chartwells Scholarship

At least \$1000 (nonrenewable)

- * Minimum 2.5 cumulative grade point average.
- * Kearsley H.S. student for all 4 years.
- * Will attend an accredited college full-time.
- * Demonstrate financial need.

18) McKayla Hanson Memorial Scholarship

At least \$500 (nonrenewable)

- * Member of Kearsley athletic team during senior year.
- * Extremely hard worker, which is not necessarily reflected in GPA.
- * Someone who perseveres.

10) Van Gilder Family Foundation Scholarship

\$2500 (nonrenewable)

- * Minimum 2.5 cumulative grade point average.
- * Accepted to and will attend 4-year college full-time
- * Must be a good citizen.
- * **Include a 500 word essay that describes 1) your ambitions (& how you plan to achieve them); 2) why you are deserving of this scholarship.**

12) Boggs Family Academic Scholarship

\$1000 (nonrenewable)

- * Must plan on attending either Michigan State University or Mott Community College.
- * Minimum 3.0 cumulative grade point average.

13) Troy Paxton Memorial Scholarship

\$1000 (nonrenewable)

- * Must have been a varsity bowler (boy or girl).
- * Minimum 3.0 cumulative grade point average.
- * **Include a one to two- page essay on what you’ve learned from participating in high school bowling.**

15) Coach Jack Pratt Scholarship

\$500 (nonrenewable)

- * Must have played varsity football.
- * Minimum 2.5 cumulative grade point average.
- * Must provide a recommendation letter from
- * Include a one-page essay on why you’re a believer.

17) M. J. Noyce Family Memorial Scholarship

\$1000 (nonrenewable)

- * Must be pursuing a degree in a STEM field at a 4-year university.
- * Minimum 3.0 cumulative grade point average.
- * Must be willing to conduct an interview with the family involving a short problem-solving exercise.
- * **Include a 200 word (or less) essay regarding: What field are you pursuing in college, and why does it interest you?**

State of Michigan Financial Aid Programs

The financial aid programs described below are offered through the State of Michigan. Log on to www.michigan.gov/mistudentaid for a complete list.

Michigan Competitive Scholarship

The Michigan Competitive Scholarship program is available to undergraduate students pursuing their first degrees at an approved Michigan postsecondary institution. Students must demonstrate both **financial need and merit**. To establish financial need, applicants must file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Students who file by March 1st will receive priority consideration. Students are encouraged to file their FAFSA on the Web at www.fafsa.gov. The FAFSA allows students to list multiple colleges when filing. Because the Student Scholarships and Grants (SSG) office does not know which college the student will select, **the award is based on the first college listed**. The student is responsible for notifying SSG of a change of address or college choice, via the **MiSSG Student Portal** (<https://www.michigan.gov/mistudentaid>) or by phone at 1-888-4-GRANTS (888-447-2687). Students must file a renewal FAFSA every year to determine possible continued program eligibility. To meet the merit criteria, eligible applicants must take the SAT and achieve a qualifying score of 1200 prior to entering college.

Michigan Tuition Incentive Program (TIP)

TIP is a high school completion incentive program that offers to pay for the first two years of college and beyond for students who graduate from high school or complete their GED before age 20. 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. This can happen as early as the sixth grade. After being identified as TIP eligible, SSG will send the student a notification to complete an application via the **MiSSG Student Portal** (www.michigan.gov/mistudentaid) or by phone at 1-888- 4-GRANTS (888-447-2687). The application must be completed before August 31 of the student's graduating year from high school or its recognized equivalent. Students must also graduate (or its equivalent) before their 20th birthday to maintain TIP eligibility. SSG will send the student a reminder notification during their senior year of high school. The student is responsible for notifying SSG of any changes to address or college choice through the MiSSG Student Portal or by phone. To inquire about TIP eligibility, call the SSG at 1-888-447-2687.

Fostering Futures Scholarship (FFS)

The Fostering Futures Scholarship (FFS) provides eligible foster youth with scholarship funds for tuition, fees, room/board, books, and supplies/equipment required for enrollment. The FFS is available to students on a first-come, first-served basis. Students must complete one application per academic year and return it to Student Scholarships and Grants, listed at the bottom of the application. To be eligible, students must have been in foster care due to abuse/neglect on or after their 13th birthday. Also, students must be undergraduates, attending a Michigan public or private 4-year college/university or a community college at least half time.

Michigan Indian Tuition Waiver

This special financial aid program is administered by the Michigan Department of Civil Rights. To acquire an application and/or to get more details, please refer to the following website... www.michigan.gov/mdcr (Under “How We Can Help” tab, click “Apply for the Michigan Indian Tuition Waiver.”)

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the Michigan Indian Tuition Waiver?

An Act to provide free tuition (only tuition is waived) for North American Indians who will be or are enrolled at one of Michigan’s public colleges or universities.

Do all North American Indians qualify for this program?

The program is for all North American Indians who are Michigan residents for 12 consecutive months; are no less than 1/4 Native American blood quantum and an enrolled member of a U.S. Federally-recognized tribe as certified/verified by their Tribal Enrollment Department.

Am I required to fill out any additional forms at the college I am applying to?

Yes. Each college has its own requirements for financial aid assistance. All higher education institutions have a short financial aid application that must be filled out in order to process the Tuition Waiver.

Do I have to attend college as a full-time student to use the waiver program?

No. The Tuition Waiver Program covers part-time and summer school students. It also covers Masters and Doctoral work.

Useful College Planning Websites

www.macrao.org	MACRAO Michigan College Mall
https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org	BigFuture by the College Board
www.michigan.gov/mistudentaid	State of Michigan Financial Aid Programs
http://www.kearsleyschools.org/	Journey to College: click Schools, Kearsley High School, hover over “Counseling” and click “Journey to College”.
www.parchment.com	Parchment (account necessary for sending out KHS Transcript)
www.geneseego.org	Genesee Opportunity Stipend for Genesee County High School Graduates (Class of 2019 may apply starting in April 2019)
www.finaid.org	Financial Aid Information (including FREE scholarship search website links)
www.collegeboard.org	College Board Website (SAT College Entrance Exam, AP)
www.actstudent.org	ACT Website (ACT College Entrance Exam)
https://obamawhitehouse.archives.gov/reach-higher	Reach Higher Initiative – Scroll down for “Resources”

Tuition @ Flint Area Colleges/Universities (2019-20)

Mott Community College

\$143.58 per Semester Credit Hour
Associate Degree = at least 60 Credits

University of Michigan - Flint

\$472.25 per Semester Credit Hour
Added Credits Above 12 = \$103 per Cr.
Bachelor Degree = at least 120 Credits

Baker College of Flint

\$405 per Semester Credit Hour
Offers both Associate & Bachelor Degrees

Michigan Colleges/Universities with *FREE* Online Applications

Adrian College	Madonna University
Albion College	Michigan Technological University
Alma College	Mid Michigan CC
Alpena CC	Monroe CC
Aquinas College	Montcalm CC
Bay College	Mott CC
College for Creative Studies	Muskegon CC
Concordia University	North Central Michigan College
Cornerstone University	Northwood University
Delta College	Oakland CC
Ferris State University	Oakland University
Finlandia University	Olivet College
Glen Oaks CC	Rochester College
Grace Bible College	Schoolcraft College
Grand Rapids CC	Siena Heights University
Henry Ford College	Southwestern Michigan College
Hillsdale College	Spring Arbor University
Jackson College	St. Clair County CC
Kalamazoo College	The Art Institute of Michigan
Kalamazoo Valley CC	University of Detroit Mercy
Kellogg CC	University of Michigan - Flint
Kettering University	University of Michigan - Dearborn
Kirtland CC	Washtenaw CC
Kuyper College	Wayne County CCD
Lake Michigan College	West Shore CC
Lake Superior State University	
Lansing CC	
Macomb CC	

Michigan College Average Requirements Worksheet








































Name: _____

Approximate GPA: _____

SAT Score: _____

Colleges in Michigan: GPA & SAT Tiers

GPA Averages of college freshman class based on information found on institutions' websites. Average SAT is estimated based on ACT information on institutions' websites and converted through The College Board's concordance chart. To verify information is accurate, contact the admissions office.

*Open Admissions	Avg. GPA 2.5-2.8 Avg. SAT 860-1010	2.8-3.2 940-1120	3.3-3.5 1060-1230	3.5-3.8 1130-1380	3.8-4.0 1350-1600
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 10px;"> Community Colleges No minimum GPA & ACT requirements. </div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Alpena CC ● Baker College ● Bay College ● Delta College ● Glen Oaks CC ● Gogebic CC ● Grand Rapids CC ● Henry Ford CC ● Jackson CC ● Kalamazoo Valley CC ● Kellogg CC ● Kirtland CC ● Lake Michigan College ● Lansing CC ● Macomb CC ● Mid-Michigan CC ● Monroe County CC ● Mott CC ● Muskegon CC ● North Central Michigan College ● Northwestern Michigan College ● Oakland CC ● Schoolcraft College ● Southwestern Michigan College ● St. Clair County CC ● Washtenaw CC 	    	            	          	      	  

College Comparison Worksheet

<u>COLLEGE NAME</u>			
<u>LOCATION</u> * distance from home			
<u>SIZE</u> * enrollment * physical size of campus			
<u>ENVIRONMENT</u> * type of school (2 yr. or 4yr.) * school setting (urban/rural) * location & size of nearest city * co-ed, male, female * religious affiliation			
<u>ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS</u> * deadline * tests required * average test scores, GPA, rank * notification			
<u>ACADEMICS</u> * your major offered * special requirements * accreditation * student-faculty ratio * typical class size			
<u>COLLEGE EXPENSES</u> * tuition, room & board * estimated total budget * application fee, deposits			
<u>FINANCIAL AID</u> * deadline * required forms * % receiving aid * scholarships			
<u>HOUSING</u> * residence hall requirement * food plan			
<u>FACILITIES</u> * academic * recreational * other			
<u>ACTIVITIES</u> * clubs, organizations * Greek life * athletics, intramurals * other			
<u>CAMPUS VISITS</u> * when * special opportunities			

Top College Application Mistakes (provided by ACT)

Senior year is hectic, but don't let it affect the quality of your college applications. Make sure you take your time, pay attention to detail, and plan ahead to meet the deadlines.

Following are some of the top responses from counselors and admissions staff who shared the most common mistakes on college applications.

1. **Misspellings and grammatical errors** - This is a big pet peeve of admissions people. If you misspell on something as important as the application, it shows that either you don't care or you aren't good at spelling. Some students even misspell their intended major. But don't stop with a spell check. Proofread for grammatical errors, too.
2. **Applying online, but the application isn't submitted** - If you apply online, you should receive confirmation that the college or university received it. Confirmation could be an email message, a Web page response or a credit card receipt. Follow through and make sure that your application has been received.
3. **Not reading/completing carefully** - For example, if the form asks what County you live in, don't misread it as Country and type United States.
4. **Listing extracurricular activities that aren't** - Those that make the list include sports, the arts, formal organizations and volunteer work. Talking on the phone and hanging out with friends doesn't make the cut. Make sure your activity information is accurate. Colleges may check with your high school.
5. **Not telling your school counselor where you've applied** - Let your counselor know which colleges you're applying to!
6. **Using an email address that friends might laugh about, but colleges won't** - Select a professional email address. Keep your fun address for friends, but select an address using your name for college admissions.
7. **Not checking your email regularly** - If you've given an email address, the college will use it. You don't want to miss out on anything because you didn't read your email.
8. **Letting Mom or Dad help you fill out your application** - Admissions people know if your parents complete your application for you. They can tell if your admissions essay sounds more like a 45-year-old than a 17-year-old. It's fine to get advice, but do the work yourself.

Military Options

- U.S. Army 800.USA.ARMY www.goarmy.com
- U.S. Marine Corps 800.MARINES www.marines.com
- U.S. Navy 800.USA.NAVY www.navy.com
- U.S. Air Force 800.423.USAF www.airforce.com
- U.S. Coast Guard 877.NOW.USCG www.gocoastguard.com
- Army National Guard 800.GO.GUARD www.nationalguard.com
- Air National Guard 800.TO.GO.ANG www.goang.com

United States Academy Websites

www.usma.edu

United States Military Academy in
West Point, New York

<https://www.usna.edu>

United States Naval Academy in
Annapolis, Maryland

www.usafa.af.mil

United States Air Force Academy in
Colorado Springs, Colorado

www.cga.edu

United States Coast Guard Academy in
New London, Connecticut

Reserve Officer Training Corps Websites/Phone Numbers

www.goarmy.com

1-800-872-7682

Army Reserve Officer Training Corps
College Army ROTC

www.navy.com/careers/nrotc

1-800-628-7682

Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps
Naval Service Training Command

www.afrotc.com

1-866-423-7682

Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps
College Scholarship Section

What is Registered Apprenticeship?

(Provided by *Michigan Workforce Development Agency)

Apprenticeship combines classroom studies with extensive on-the-job training under the supervision of journey level craft-person or trade professional. Visit or call the nearest local area **Michigan Works! Agency** to identify apprenticeship opportunities in the trade or industry of interest to you...Or contact an employer or union in your interested trade.

Components of Registered Apprenticeship Training:

1. Business Involvement
2. Structured On-the-Job Training
3. Related Training and Instruction
4. Rewards for Skill Gains
5. National Occupational Credential

Benefits to Apprentices

- A paycheck from day one
- Hands on career training
- An education and the potential to earn college credit
- A career once you complete your apprenticeship
- National industry certification

Apprenticeable Occupations

Apprenticeships can be found in all industries, from traditional sectors like Construction and Manufacturing to emerging sectors like Energy, Health Care, and Information Technology. Examples include: boilermakers, bricklayers & restoration workers, carpenters, carpenters/floor layers, carpenters/lathers, cement masons, construction craft laborers, drywall finishers/tapers, electrical workers, elevator constructors, glaziers & glassworkers, heat & frost insulators, iron workers, millwrights, operating engineers, outside lineman, painters, pipefitters & refrigeration and air conditioning service, plasterers, plumbers, roofers & waterproofers, sheet metal workers, sprinkler fitters, tile & marble & terrazzo masons.

Useful Websites Regarding Apprenticeships

www.michigan.gov/wda

*Michigan Workforce Development Agency: click "Registered Apprenticeship"

www.miroad2work.org

Provides info about apprenticeable occupations, including contacts.

<http://mitalent.org/mat2>

Pure Michigan Talent Connect:

MAT²® MICHIGAN ADVANCED TECHNICIAN TRAINING PROGRAM

https://www.mcc.edu/acad_affairs/apprentice.shtml

Mott Community College Apprenticeship Programs

Includes list of local Registered Apprentice Companies.