

## MICHIGAN PROMISE SCHOLARSHIP FACT SHEET

### **Description**

The Michigan Promise scholarship provides up to \$4,000 to high school graduates for successfully completing two years of postsecondary education. All students who took the Michigan Merit Exam (MME) have the opportunity to receive up to \$4,000 if they meet all eligibility requirements. Students who receive qualifying scores (Level 2 or above) in each of the required test components are eligible to receive up to half of their scholarship in the first two years of postsecondary enrollment (in installments of \$1,000 each year).

### **ACT Option (updated 3-3-09)**

The revised *State School Aid Act* (Public Act 268 of 2008) changes the Michigan Merit Exam (MME) in several ways. Perhaps the change most greatly noticed by students hoping to become eligible for installment payments of the [Michigan Promise Scholarship](#) is the requirement that schools administer the complete MME once and only once to each student.

Michigan law (Public Act 349 of 2008) now gives students the option of becoming eligible for installment payments by taking [the national ACT](#) test. Here's how it works...

- A. The student must **FIRST** take the complete MME, and obtain MME scores (Level 1, 2, 3 or 4) in **ALL** of the MME subjects of Reading, Writing, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies. If the student's MME scores are insufficient for installment payments of the [Michigan Promise Scholarship](#), the student could then choose to take the national ACT.
- B. If the student were to then take the national ACT and score a **Composite 21** or higher, the student would become eligible for installment payments, provided the student meets all other eligibility requirements established by the Michigan Department of Treasury

### **Application**

To claim the Michigan Promise scholarship installment payment for use in the 2009-10 academic year, an eligible student must certify his/her scholarship by November 15, 2009. To claim up to a \$2,000 final payment (for those who received installment payments), or to claim the full \$4,000 for those who did not qualify for the installment payments, students should visit the Web site [www.Michigan.gov/promise](http://www.Michigan.gov/promise) for an application form. **Students are responsible for notifying the Office of Scholarships and Grants of a change in their college choice.**

### **Program Limits**

Students, who initiate their scholarship in the 2009-10 academic year, must utilize all installment funds by the end of the 2012-13 academic year. Students must submit their application for final payment no later than November 15 of the academic year following their last year of eligibility.

### **Eligibility**

- Take the state assessment test1.
- Have not received a Merit Award under the Merit Award Act.
- Must certify his or her eligibility for a scholarship installment payment.

- Enroll at an approved Michigan postsecondary institution or a military service academy within two years of becoming a high school graduate (two-year period would be extended for service in armed forces or Peace Corps).
- Complete the postsecondary education requirements (associate degree, two-year certificate, vocational education program<sup>2</sup> or 50% of the academic requirements for a bachelor's degree, which is 60 semester or 90 term credits) within four years of initial enrollment.
- Achieve a cumulative college GPA of 2.5 (for students completing vocational education programs that do not record grades; proof of course completion is required).
- Be a high school graduate or have passed the GED or any other graduate equivalency exam approved by the State Board of Education.
- Be a Michigan resident.

**More Information**

Visit [www.michigan.gov/promise](http://www.michigan.gov/promise). Contact the Michigan Promise scholarship program, Office of Scholarships and Grants, toll free at 1-888-4-GRANTS (1-888-447-2687) or e-mail [osg@michigan.gov](mailto:osg@michigan.gov).