



**FUTURES**  
FOR FRONTLINERS

# What is Futures for Frontliners?

- ▶ A State of Michigan scholarship
- ▶ For **essential infrastructure workers** without a high school diploma or post-secondary degree
- ▶ Provides **tuition-free access** to Michigan's public community colleges to earn an associate degree or industry-recognized certificate



# Pathways to Community College



- ▶ **Path 1:** Frontliners who have a high school diploma (or equivalent)
- ▶ **Path 2:** Frontliners who need to complete a high school diploma (or equivalent)
  - Coordination through an Adult Education provider

**Roughly 625,000 Michiganders could qualify for this program**

# Am I Eligible?

- Be a Michigan resident and eligible for federal aid
- Have worked in an essential industry at least half-time for 11 of the 13 weeks between April 1 – June 30, 2020
- Have been required by their job to work outside the home at least some of the time between April 1 – June 30, 2020
- Not have previously earned an associate or bachelor's degree
- Not be in default on a Federal student loan
- Complete a Futures scholarship application by 11:59 pm on December 31, 2020

# Website and Application(s)

- ▶ Applicants can apply now at **Michigan.gov/Frontliners**
  - will need access to the internet, an email address and a social security number to apply
  
- ▶ **Deadline to apply is Dec. 31**
  - Must begin classes in 2021

Michigan.gov

## Futures for Frontliners

ABOUT COMMUNITY COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL COMPLETION CHAMPION TOOLKIT PRESS RELEASES

GOING BACK TO SCHOOL IS A CHANCE TO FOLLOW A DREAM. IT'S NEVER TOO LATE.

With free college tuition, now is the right time. Choose your path to get started.

HIGH SCHOOL COMPLETION COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Free tuition for essential workers!

Futures for Frontliners - Changes

### TAKE A STEP FORWARD

An education beyond high school opens the door to many opportunities. By taking a step forward on your education and career journey, you're taking a step forward on your own financial success and independence – building a brighter, more secure future for you and your loved ones.

**\$6,000** more per year in earnings with a high school credential

**\$7,500** more per year in earnings with a two year degree

**75%** of Michigan jobs will require education beyond high school

# Applicant Update

- ▶ **73,403 applications to date**
- ▶ **Demo breakdown**
  - **Overall:** 69.39% women | 30.18% men
  - **Path 1:** 60% White | 25% Black | 5% Latinx | 1% Asian
  - **Path 2:** 42% White | 42% Black | 6% Latinx | 1% Asian

**Path 1: Community college for  
Frontline workers who have a high school  
diploma (or equivalent)**

# Path 1: Steps to Apply and Receive the Award

- ▶ **First**, complete the [Futures for Frontliners scholarship application](#) under “Community College”
  - Employment Verification Form
  - [Check your application status](#) on the MiSSG Student Portal
- ▶ **Once your scholarship application has been accepted:**
  - Apply to and be admitted to a Michigan community college
  - Apply for federal aid by submitting a FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)
  - Enroll in classes at least half-time in 2021



# Path 1: Scholarship Funding

- ▶ Futures funding for community college is last-dollar.
  - 1. Pell grant and tuition-restricted scholarships or awards (excluding TIP)
  - 2. Futures for Frontliners
- Non-tuition restricted gift aid or awards (other than the Pell Grant) are not to be subtracted from the calculation of the award.

**Path 2: Community college for  
Frontline workers who need to complete a  
high school diploma (or equivalent)**

# Path 2: Applying for the Scholarship

- Applicants must complete the Futures for Frontliners-High School Completion application on the website.
- The applicant must provide:
  - Name and contact information
  - Date of birth
  - Social security number
- The **Employment Verification Form** will be requested to be completed if we cannot verify work experience as frontline worker through data match with wage records.

# Path 2: Receiving the Award

- ▶ Upon acceptance, applicants must:
  - Enroll in a state-approved adult education program (i.e., state or federally-funded program)
  - Begin adult education classes in 2021
- ▶ Students can be dually-enrolled in adult education and a community college or job training program or complete the programs sequentially.

# Path 2: Scholarship Funding

▶ The funding covers:

- High school completion and equivalency preparation
- Career advising and navigation
- High school equivalency testing fees (as applicable)
- Last-dollar scholarship for community college or job training program

# Path 2: Community College and Job Training Requirements

- ▶ Must enroll in a community college or training program that leads to an **industry-recognized credential** or an **associate degree**, including:
  - A training or associate degree program at any accredited Michigan public community college
  - A training opportunity available on Michigan Training Connect (MiTC)
  - A state-approved adult education integrated education and training (IET) program that leads to an industry-recognized credential

# Questions about Futures for Frontliners?

## ▶ (Path 1) [Community College](#)

- **Call:** 517-636-7000
- **Email:** [MiStudentAid@michigan.gov](mailto:MiStudentAid@michigan.gov)
- [FAQ Page](#)

## ▶ (Path 2) [High School Completion](#)

- **Email:** [LEO-AdultEd@Michigan.gov](mailto:LEO-AdultEd@Michigan.gov)
- [FAQ Page](#)

**Q&A**