

Free Tuition Programs for Low-Income Students at Four-year Colleges and Universities in Michigan

ALBION COLLEGE

Albion College Promise

Tuition is covered for Michigan students from families earning less than \$65,000 a year. Families making over \$65,000 will receive \$92,000-\$136,000 in scholarships over the course of four years.

<https://www.albion.edu/admission/cost-financial-aid/albion-college-promise/>

AQUINAS COLLEGE

Aquinas Assurance

Full tuition for first-year students who are eligible for the maximum Pell Grant, eligible for the Michigan Achievement Scholarship, eligible for the full Michigan Tuition Grant, and graduate from high school in the spring of 2024 or later with a GPA of 3.0 or better.

<https://www.aquinas.edu/cost-aid/aquinas-assurance.html>

BAKER COLLEGE

BeFree Tuition Guarantee

Base tuition costs are covered for first-year students who are Michigan residents, have a high school GPA of 3.0 or higher, and qualify for the maximum Pell Grant, or transfer students who are Michigan residents with 60 college credits or an associate degree, have a college GPA of 3.5 or higher, and qualify for the maximum Pell Grant.

<https://www.baker.edu/befree-tuition-guarantee/>

CENTRAL MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

CMU Tuition Advantage

Starting for the 2024-25 academic year, newly admitted Michigan students whose families have an adjusted gross income and family assets of \$65,000 or less may be eligible to attend CMU tuition-free. The university will cover the cost of up to 30 credit hours per year through a combination of federal, state, and institutional aid.

<https://www.cmich.edu/offices-departments/office-scholarships-financial-aid/applying-for-financial-aid/new-transfer-students/cmu-traditions-program>

CLEARY UNIVERSITY

Cougar Country Promise

Students who qualify for the Michigan Achievement Scholarship pay a maximum of \$10,000/year for tuition. Further discounts, including free tuition, are available depending on Pell eligibility and income/assets reported on the FAFSA.

<https://www.cleary.edu/scholarships/>

CORNERSTONE UNIVERSITY

Cornerstone Commitment Grant

Eligible students who receive the Cornerstone Commitment Grant pay no out-of-pocket tuition when they enroll. The university has not posted specific requirements, beyond noting that it is for students who qualify for the Michigan Achievement Scholarship and who “demonstrate a high level of financial need.”

<https://www.cornerstone.edu/tuition-financial-aid/apply-for-aid/scholarships-grants/undergraduate-scholarships/>

EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

Eastern Tuition Advantage

Full tuition for first-year students who have at least a 3.0 grade point average in high school and who are either Pell eligible or have an annual household income of less than \$60,000.

<https://www.emich.edu/eastern-tuition-advantage/index.php>

FERRIS STATE UNIVERSITY

Ferris Pledge

Full tuition and required fees for incoming first-year undergraduates who are eligible for both a Pell Grant and the Michigan Achievement Scholarship.

<https://www.ferris.edu/admissions/financialaid/scholarship/Incoming/ferris-pledge.htm>

GRAND VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY

Grand Valley Pledge

Full tuition for Michigan residents who are from families with household incomes under \$50,000 and less than \$50,000 in assets.

<https://www.gvsu.edu/gvpledge/>

MADONNA UNIVERSITY

Madonna University Commitment to Affordable Learning

Starting in the fall of 2024, full tuition for newly admitted students who are Michigan residents, eligible for the maximum Federal Pell Grant, eligible for the maximum Michigan Achievement Scholarship, and eligible for the maximum Michigan Tuition Grant.

<https://www.madonna.edu/admissions/commitment/>

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

Spartan Tuition Advantage

Free tuition for first-year, in-state students who are Pell eligible and whose family income is less than \$65,000.

<https://finaid.msu.edu/spartan-tuition-advantage>

NORTHERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

NMU Tuition Advantage

Students who qualify for the Michigan Achievement Scholarship and a federal Pell Grant, as determined by the FAFSA, can attend NMU tuition-free.

<https://nmu.edu/admissions/mas>

OAKLAND UNIVERSITY

Golden Guarantee

Free tuition for first-time college students who are Michigan residents and qualify for the Michigan Achievement Scholarship and whose family income is less than or equal to \$70,000 with assets less than \$50,000 as determined by the FAFSA.

<https://oakland.edu/tuition-guarantee/>

SAGINAW VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY

Cardinal Commitment

First-time students from families with incomes under \$70,000 and assets under \$50,000 can attend Saginaw Valley tuition-free. Covers eligible tuition and mandatory fees for new first-time college students for up to four continuous years or through completion of first bachelor's degree, whichever is sooner.

<https://www.svsu.edu/cardinalcommitment/>

SIENA HEIGHTS UNIVERSITY

Brain Gain Promise

Full tuition for Michigan high school graduates who have a total household income less than \$65,000. Students from households with a total income of \$80,000 or less will pay less than \$10,000 a year in tuition costs

<https://www.sienaheights.edu/brain-gain-promise/>

SPRING ARBOR UNIVERSITY

SAU Cougar Commitment

Full tuition for students who are eligible for the maximum Pell Grant, Michigan Achievement Scholarship, and the Michigan Tuition Grant. Must also have a high school GPA of at least 3.0.

<https://www.arbor.edu/admissions/sau-cougar-commitment/>

UNIVERSITY OF DETROIT MERCY

Titan Edge

Full tuition for students who are eligible for the maximum Pell Grant, Michigan Achievement Scholarship, and the Michigan Tuition Grant. Must also have a high school GPA of at least 3.0.

<https://www.arbor.edu/admissions/sau-cougar-commitment/>

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Go Blue Guarantee

Full tuition for Michigan-resident students from families with household incomes under \$75,000 a year and less than \$75,000 in assets. The program includes U-M's Dearborn and Flint campuses.

<https://goblueguarantee.umich.edu/ann-arbor>

<https://umdearborn.edu/admissions/go-blue-guarantee>

<https://www.umflint.edu/go-blue-guarantee/>

UNIVERSITY OF OLIVET

University of Olivet Advantage Scholarship

Students who are Pell eligible and qualify for the Michigan Achievement receive free tuition. Students who qualify for the Michigan Achievement Scholarship and whose family's adjusted gross income is \$100,000 or less will pay no more than \$5,000 in tuition. Students who qualify for the Michigan Achievement Scholarship and whose family's adjusted gross income is greater than \$100,000 will receive at least \$20,000 in institutional funds towards tuition.

<https://www.uolivet.edu/advantage/>

WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY

Heart of Detroit Tuition Pledge

Full tuition and fees for Detroit residents and those who graduate from Detroit high schools, with no limit on family income.

<https://wayne.edu/heart-of-detroit>

Wayne State Guarantee

The Wayne State Guarantee is open to all Pell Grant-eligible Michigan residents, as well as most families who earn \$70,000 or less and have \$50,000 or less in assets.

<https://wayne.edu/financial-aid/types/wayne-state-guarantee>

WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

Bronco Promise

Free tuition for first-year students who are Michigan residents and who have a family income of \$50,000 or less and net assets under \$50,000.

<https://wmich.edu/empoweringfutures/scholarships#access>