

BEYOND GRADUATION

Senior Success Toolkit



*Guidance and resources for senior
year and life after graduation.*



MI COLLEGE MONTH AND COLLEGE PLANNING GUIDE

October is Michigan College Month

APPLY NOW to meet early deadlines, maximize scholarship opportunities, and secure admission.

Many colleges and universities waive application fees during October.

FAFSA and Genesee Opportunity (GO) applications open OCTOBER 1.

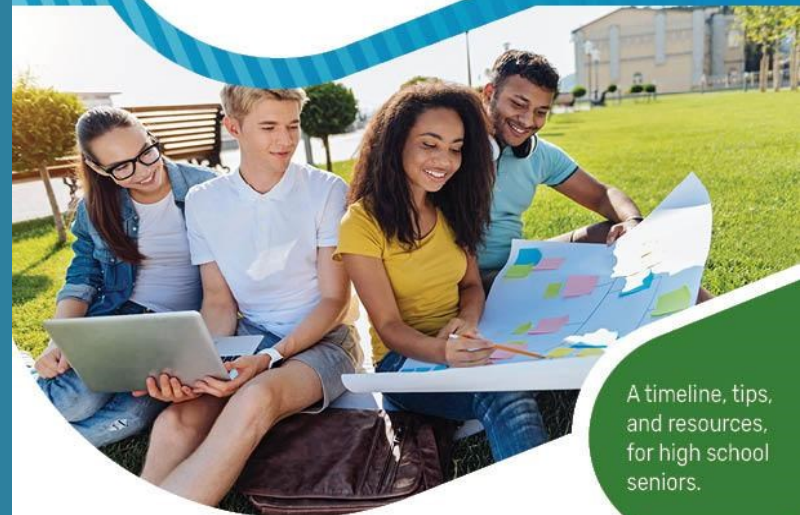
A Guide to College Planning

This digital guide walks seniors through the process of applying to college, providing information and links to college applications, scholarships, FAFSA, GO, and other helpful resources.

The guide also includes resources related to careers and skilled trades!

<https://bit.ly/CollegePlanGuide>

A GUIDE TO COLLEGE PLANNING



A timeline, tips, and resources, for high school seniors.



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FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID



Why It's Important

www.fafsa.gov

- Largest source of money for college and career training.
- Determines eligibility for grants, scholarships, loans, and work-study.
- Completing the FAFSA is the *only way* to access the Michigan Achievement Scholarship and the Community College Guarantee.

MICHIGAN ACHIEVEMENT SCHOLARSHIP AND COMMUNITY COLLEGE GUARANTEE

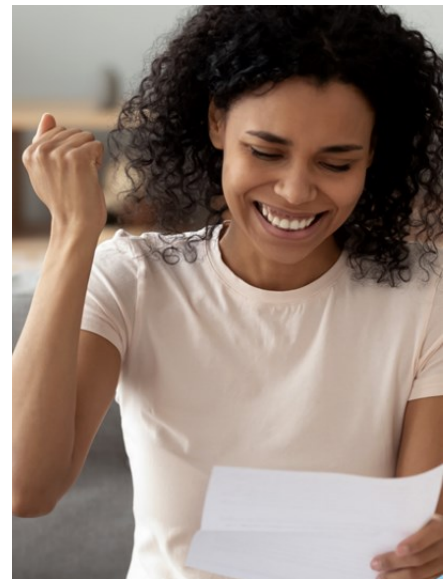
Michigan Achievement Scholarship

- Up to \$27,500 to earn a bachelor's degree (\$5,500 per year for up to five years).
- 7 out of 10 high school graduates may qualify.
- Complete the FAFSA to see if you are eligible (Student Aid Index of 30,000 or lower).

Community College Guarantee

- Seniors can earn a skills certificate or associate degree tuition-free at their local community college.
- All students are eligible regardless of income! However, they must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) in order to access this funding.
- Students eligible for a Pell grant will receive an additional \$1,000 bonus that can be used toward additional college costs.

www.michigan.gov/achievement



GENESEE OPPORTUNITY STIPEND

Use toward college tuition, career training courses, apprenticeship tools/materials, or licensing and exam fees.

For Genesee County high school graduates. Must reside in Genesee County or on a property that is taxed by a Genesee County school district and be a graduate, from a high school in Genesee County.

Stipend is a one-time award and must be used within one year of high school graduation.

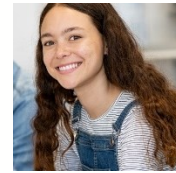
***The application for the Class of 2026
OPENS OCTOBER 1 and only takes five
minutes to complete!***



www.genesee.go.org



CAREER CONNECTION CENTER



Your Link to Career Planning Resources!

- For high school seniors and recent graduates.
- FREE one-on-one support from a real person whether you are planning for college, entering the workforce, or exploring skilled trades.
- Services include:
 - Support with the college admission process;
 - Links to apprenticeship programs;
 - Genesee Opportunity Stipend info and support; and
 - Leads to financial aid opportunities.



www.geneseego.org

THE BEYOND GRAD WEBSITE

Resources for Career & College Planning

- Designed for Genesee County residents, ages 14-26.
- A one-stop-shop for all things career & college planning.
- Information and resources include:
 - Career planning, exploration, and training;
 - College planning, including a guide and timeline; and
 - Financial support, including tips about the FAFSA, Genesee Opportunity, and scholarships.
- Employment support services & skilled trades info.
- Transition planning.
- Resources for young adults re-launching college plans.



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