

DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY
HIGHER EDUCATION ASSISTANCE AUTHORITY
TUITION GRANTS

(By authority conferred on the higher education assistance authority by section 6 of Act No. 313 of the Public Acts of 1966, as amended, being S390.996 of the Michigan Compiled Laws)

R 390.831 Definitions.

Rule 1. As used in these rules:

(a) "Act" means Act No. 313 of the Public Acts of 1966, as amended, being S390.991 et seq. of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

(b) "Authority" means the Michigan higher education assistance authority.

(c) "Award" means a tuition grant award.

(d) "Default" means failure to comply with the terms of a loan guaranteed by the authority so that the authority finds it necessary to reimburse the original lending institution for the balance of the loan.

(e) "Full-time" means a student enrolled for 12 or more semester credit hours or equivalent in trimester or quarter hours or the equivalent of 24 semester hours or 36 quarter hours per academic year for institutions using credit hours to measure progress, but not using semester, trimester, or quarter hours.

(f) "Independent, nonprofit college or university" means a Michigan independent college or university eligible for listing in the "Directory of Michigan Institutions of Higher Education," published by the Michigan department of education.

(g) "Parent" means the mother, father, mother and father, or adoptive parents.

(h) "Part-time" means a student enrolled for not less than 6, but not more than 11, semester credit hours, trimester, or equivalent in quarter hours or at least 1/2 the credit defined as full-time in subdivision (e) of this rule.

History: 1979 AC; 1985 AACCS.

R 390.832 Administrative responsibility.

Rule 2. The authority shall administer tuition grants to eligible students registered as undergraduate or graduate students.

History: 1979 AC.

R 390.833 Eligibility; requirements.

Rule 3. An applicant may be considered for a tuition grant if the authority finds that the applicant meets all of the requirements specified in sections 3 and 4 of the act and the following requirements:

(a) Has resided continuously in this state for the preceding 12 months and is not considered a resident of any other state. A student who is not a United States citizen shall be a holder of the I-151 or I-551 immigration identification card signifying permanent residency in the United States. A refugee who meets the 12-month state residency requirement may be eligible for tuition grant consideration.

(b) Is registered in, or expresses intent to register in an independent, nonprofit college or university in this state which is eligible for participation in the tuition grant program.

(c) Has not defaulted on a loan guaranteed by the authority. Exceptions can be made if a defaulted borrower has made satisfactory repayment arrangements on the defaulted amount of the loan as determined by the authority.

(d) Has complied with the provisions of the act and the rules adopted by the authority.

History: 1979 AC; 1985 AACCS.

R 390.834 Eligibility; duration.

Rule 4. A student is not eligible for a grant for more than 10 semesters of undergraduate education or its equivalent; more than 6 semesters of graduate education or its equivalent; and for more than 8 semesters in dental education or its equivalent in trimesters. An applicant shall reapply yearly for renewal of this grant.

History: 1979 AC; 1985 AACCS.

R 390.835 Eligibility; financial resources of students and parents.

Rule 5. An applicant is eligible for a tuition grant award if the applicant's financial resources, including the cash or equivalent resources of the applicant's parents that are available for the applicant's higher education, as computed in accordance with the criteria utilized in the state competitive scholarship program authorized by Act No. 208 of the Public Acts of 1964, as amended, being S390.971 et seq. of the Michigan Compiled Laws, shows a monetary need for a tuition grant.

History: 1979 AC; 1985 AACCS.

R 390.836 Rescinded.

History: 1979 AC; 1985 AACCS.

R 390.837 Rescinded.

History: 1979 AC; 1985 AACCS.

R 390.838 Other awards.

Rule 8. (1) A student receiving a state competitive scholarship as authorized by Act No. 208 of the Public Acts of 1964, as amended, being S390.971 et seq. of the Michigan Compiled Laws, is not eligible to receive a tuition grant concurrently. However, the state competitive scholarship award of a student enrolled in an eligible tuition grant postsecondary institution may be increased with tuition grant funds up to the maximum tuition grant if the maximum tuition grant award is greater than the maximum Michigan competitive scholarship award.

(2) If a student receives other scholarship awards covering full tuition and fees specifically designated for that purpose, the student is ineligible for a tuition grant.

(3) A student holding a partial tuition award is eligible for a tuition grant not to exceed the difference between the other tuition award and the full cost of tuition.

(4) A tuition grant award is limited to an amount consistent with other awards and financial need as determined by the authority.

History: 1979 AC; 1985 AACCS.

R 390.839 Eligibility; acceptance for enrollment at institution required.

Rule 9. An applicant is eligible for a tuition grant if the authority determines that the applicant has actually been accepted for enrollment at an independent, nonprofit college or university approved by the state board of education for participation in this program.

History: 1979 AC; 1985 AACCS.

R 390.840 Eligibility; full- or part-time status.

Rule 10. (1) An applicant is eligible for a tuition grant if enrolled or accepted for enrollment as a full-time student.

(2) An applicant may be eligible for a tuition grant if enrolled or accepted for enrollment as a part-time student for at least half-time but less than full-time credit. The awards shall be determined as follows:

(a) The amount of a part-time tuition grant award shall be determined according to demonstrated financial need, using the tuition and fee charges to be assessed the student recipient, based upon the credit hours of enrollment.

(b) Part-time tuition grant award recipients shall be charged 1 enrollment period of award eligibility each time an award payment is issued.

History: 1979 AC; 1985 AACS.

R 390.841 Eligibility; deadline dates.

Rule 11. An applicant is eligible for a tuition grant only if the applicant meets the deadline dates established by the authority. An applicant who submits application materials after the deadline may be considered if funds are available to assist students who submit late materials.

History: 1979 AC; 1985 AACS.

R 390.842 Rescinded.

History: 1979 AC; 1991 AACS.

R 390.843 Priority of grants.

Rule 13. Grants shall be given first to students having the greatest financial need and then to those with the next greatest financial need, as determined by the authority, until available funds have been exhausted.

History: 1979 AC.

R 390.844 Payment of tuition grants.

Rule 14. A tuition grant recipient shall be sent payment for the prorated amount of the award at the start of each enrollment period. The payment shall be sent in care of the financial aid office at the institution in which the recipient is enrolled.

History: 1979 AC.

R 390.845 Failure to enroll.

Rule 15. A grant recipient who, after receiving a tuition grant payment, does not enroll in the institution at which the recipient registered shall have the full amount of the tuition grant cancelled.

History: 1979 AC; 1991 AACS.

R 390.846 Transfers.

Rule 16. A tuition grant recipient may transfer to another institution at any time. To remain eligible for a tuition grant, however, the recipient shall enroll at an independent, nonprofit college or university in this state which meets the full requirements of this grant program.

History: 1979 AC; 1985 AACS.

R 390.847 Leave of absence.

Rule 17. (1) A tuition grant recipient who ceases to be enrolled at least half-time may request award reinstatement upon return to school as at least a half-time student during the same academic year for which the award was granted. The reinstatement of a tuition grant is dependent upon the availability of funds and the continued eligibility of the recipient.

(2) A grant recipient who relinquishes the tuition grant for any reason and does not return to school for the academic year for which the award was granted shall reapply to receive consideration for future academic years.

History: 1979 AC.

R 390.848 Refunds.

Rule 18. A tuition grant recipient shall release grant amounts to the institution in order that the institution may refund any allowable amount directly to the authority if the student withdraws from the institution. A grant recipient who is dismissed or leaves the institution before the completion of a full semester and who is ineligible for a refund need not repay the authority the amount of the tuition grant.

History: 1979 AC; 1991 AACCS.

R 390.849 Residual awards.

Rule 19. A student who is ineligible for a first semester award or does not apply for a tuition grant for the freshman year may apply for consideration for the second enrollment period or in succeeding years. An application for a second enrollment period residual award shall be filed by the appropriate deadline date established by the authority. A residual award is contingent upon the applicant's meeting all eligibility requirements and the availability of funds at that time.

History: 1979 AC.