



## Michigan Reconnect: Tuition-Free Education

### WHAT IS 'MICHIGAN RECONNECT':

On February 2, 2021, Michigan's Governor Whitmer announced the launch of a \$30 million Michigan Reconnect program.

The program is directed at the 4.1 million Michiganders that are age 25+ who do not have a college degree. The goal of the program; to connect those folks with funds to cover the entirety of their tuition for an Associate Degree or Skills Certificate.

The vision is for 60% of Michiganders to have a postsecondary degree by 2030.

### COSTS COVERED BY 'RECONNECT':

Under Michigan Reconnect, the following costs will be FREE to you:

#### In-district tuition: **FREE**

- If you are enrolled in a community college as an out-of-district student, Reconnect will cover the in-district tuition fee and the remainder will be charged to the student.

#### Mandatory fees: **FREE**

- These are fees charged to all students by semester or by credit-hour. Reconnect will cover the entirety of these fees.

#### Contact hours: **FREE**

- These fees are for specific courses or programs, such as lab use, equipment use, or other program-specific fees.

The average income of someone with an Associate Degree in Michigan is approx. **\$10,000 more** than someone with only a HS diploma.

### ELIGIBILITY:

To be eligible for Michigan Reconnect funds, you must:

- Be at least 25 years old at the time of applying.
- Have lived in Michigan for a year or more.
- Have a high school diploma.
- Have not yet completed a college degree (can be currently enrolled in program).

### COMMUNITY COLLEGE:

The following Community Colleges in Northern Michigan are on the approved list of educators:

- Northwestern Michigan College
  - a. In-District: Grand Traverse County
- North Central Michigan College
- Kirtland Community College
- West Shore Community College

The full list of colleges can be found [here](#).

Additional information and FAQs can be found [here](#).

### SKILLS SCHOLARSHIP:

A community college may not be the best fit for the training you are hoping to receive. The Michigan Skills Scholarship program is an opportunity to apply for up to a \$1,500 state scholarship to help cover part of the tuition cost at a private training school or program if you are 25 years or older.

To search for eligible training programs, check [here](#).

### CONTACT:

For more information, go to:  
[Michigan.gov/Reconnect](https://Michigan.gov/Reconnect)

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