

DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY
HIGHER EDUCATION ASSISTANCE AUTHORITY
DIFFERENTIAL GRANT PROGRAM

(By authority conferred on the higher education assistance authority by section 7a of Act No. 105 of the Public Acts of 1978, as amended, being S390.1277a of the Michigan Compiled Laws)

R 390.1651 Definitions.

Rule 1. (1) As used in these rules:

(a) "Academic period" means an average of 600 or more instructional minutes per credit hour on a quarter schedule and 800 or more instructional minutes per credit hour on a semester schedule or as otherwise prescribed by the legislature.

(b) "Academic year" means 2 semesters or 3 terms or quarters beginning after August 1 each year.

(c) "Act" means Act No. 105 of the Public Acts of 1978, as amended, being S390.1271 et seq. of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

(d) "Award" means a differential grant.

(e) "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.

(f) "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.

(g) "Independent nonprofit college or university" means a Michigan degree-granting independent college or university listed in the "Directory of Michigan Institutions of Higher Education," published by the Michigan department of education.

(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 (f) of this rule.

(i) "Refugee" means a person who holds an I-94 immigration identification card with the word "refugee" either typed or stamped on it.

(j) "Tuition and fees" means that amount established by the higher education assistance authority for use in determining awards under Act No. 208 of the Public Acts of 1964, as amended, and Act No. 313 of the Public Acts of 1966, as amended, being S390.971 et seq. and S390.991 et seq. of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

(2) Terms defined in the act have the same meanings when used in these rules.

History: 1985 AACCS.

R 390.1652 Instructional programs and credits; eligibility.

Rule 2. (1) To be eligible, a student shall be enrolled in an associate degree program or a baccalaureate degree program.

(2) Credits applicable to a high school diploma or general education development certificate shall not be considered when determining student grant eligibility.

(3) Credits by examination and life experience credits shall not be considered when determining student grant eligibility.

History: 1985 AACCS.

R 390.1653 College enrollment required for eligibility; additional assistance.

Rule 3. (1) To be eligible for an award, a student shall enroll as a freshman, sophomore, junior, or senior after July 31, 1981.

(2) A student who has received a baccalaureate degree may be eligible for additional assistance if the total assistance received does not exceed the longevity limit specified in R 390.1654 and if the student meets all eligibility requirements.

History: 1985 AACCS.

R 390.1654 Eligibility; duration.

Rule 4. A student is not eligible for a grant for more than 10 semesters of full-time undergraduate education or its equivalent. An applicant shall reapply yearly for renewal of this grant.

History: 1985 AACCS.

R 390.1655 Institutional certification requirements.

Rule 5. An institution shall certify the eligibility of each grant applicant enrolled at the institution. Provisions for certification shall be as follows:

(a) Each applicant shall be enrolled as an undergraduate.

(b) Student enrollment status shall be determined at the time of the enrollment count date. The enrollment count date is 1/10 of the total number of class days in the academic period, plus or minus 5 class days, excluding Saturday or Sunday.

(c) Each enrollment period the institution shall certify that each applicant is enrolled in an eligible program of study.

(d) Each enrollment period the institution shall certify, consistent with institutional records, that each applicant has been a Michigan resident for the preceding 12 months and has not claimed residency in any other state during that time. A student who is a Michigan resident, but 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 state residency requirement specified in this subdivision may be eligible for award consideration.

(e) A student who has failed to sign and file an application/contract with the institution shall not be reported as an eligible student.

History: 1985 AACCS.

R 390.1656 Amount of award.

Rule 6. (1) An award for a full-time recipient shall be the amount established by the legislature annually.

(2) An award for a part-time recipient shall be the amount established by the legislature annually.

(3) An award to an undergraduate student who attends an institution both full-time and part-time for separate enrollment periods during the same academic year shall be prorated.

(4) In the event the annual appropriation proves insufficient to award all eligible students at the maximum established by the legislature, the authority shall prorate awards based upon available funding.

History: 1985 AACCS.

R 390.1657 Payment of awards.

Rule 7. Award payments shall be sent to each institution each enrollment period on behalf of the recipients for that enrollment period. Payment shall be made after the required certification is forwarded by the institution to the authority.

History: 1985 AACCS.

R 390.1658 Other awards.

Rule 8. (1) If a student receives other tuition awards or tuition waivers covering full tuition and fees that are specifically designated for that purpose, the student is ineligible for a differential grant.

(2) A student holding a partial tuition award or tuition waiver is eligible for an award under the act in an amount that does not exceed the difference between the other tuition award and the actual cost of tuition and fees.

History: 1985 AACCS.

R 390.1659 Refunds; institution reimbursement of state for overpayment.

Rule 9. (1) If a student withdraws from an institution during the institutionally established refund period after receiving an award payment, a refund is due the authority. The amount shall be based upon the percentage of established tuition and fees paid by the award.

(2) Participating institutions shall be held liable for any state overpayment due to incorrect college certification of a student and shall fully reimburse the state for any overpayment.

History: 1985 AACCS.

R 390.1660 Loan default; basis for grant denial; exception.

Rule 10. A grant shall be denied if an applicant has defaulted on a loan guaranteed by the authority. Exception may be made if a defaulted borrower has made satisfactory repayment arrangements on the defaulted amount of the loan as determined by the authority.

History: 1985 AACCS.

R 390.1661 Award eligibility.

Rule 11. To receive an award, an applicant shall comply with the provisions of the act and these rules.

History: 1985 AACCS.

R 390.1662 Application/acceptance contracts.

Rule 12. An award recipient shall complete an application/acceptance contract before receipt of the award. The contract between the award recipient and the authority shall specify the conditions upon which the award is granted.

History: 1985 AACCS.

R 390.1663 Transfers.

Rule 13. An award recipient may transfer to another institution at any time. To remain eligible for an award, the recipient shall enroll at an eligible institution and meet the requirements for an award.

History: 1985 AACCS.