

MI FUTURE EDUCATOR FELLOWSHIP

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What are the eligibility requirements for the MI Future Educator Fellowship?

- File the [Free Application for Federal Student Aid \(FAFSA\)](#). While this is not a need-based program, the FAFSA must be submitted as part of the application process.
- Have begun your first semester or term in the education program in the Fall 2022 semester or after.
- Be a high school graduate.
- Be enrolled at least full-time (at least 12 credit hours)
- Be working on your first teacher certification.
- Must have earned at least 56 semester credits
- Have a cumulative college GPA of at least 3.0.
- You and your parent(s) must be Michigan residents since July 1 of the previous calendar year.

Where can I find the MI Future Educator Fellowship and MI Future Educator Stipend applications?

Students will access the MiSSG Student Portal to complete the applications.

What's the deadline to apply?

Students must apply and meet all requirements for an award prior to the final payment of the academic year. Typically, the final payment is made by Treasury in August. To be included in the first payment for Fall 2022, students are encouraged to apply by December 31, 2022.

I attend a private college. Am I eligible?

Yes. All programs approved by the Michigan Department of Education on the [Educator Preparation Provider list](#) are eligible. This includes programs at public and private colleges and universities.

Can I receive the MI Future Educator Fellowship during the summer?

Yes, but only if you have not received your \$10,000 annual maximum award.

I am planning to complete my Educator Preparation Program in Michigan, but I am not a Michigan resident, am I eligible?

No, you must have been a Michigan resident since July 1 of the previous calendar year. If you are a dependent student, your parent must also be a Michigan resident since July 1 of the previous calendar year.

What is an Educator Preparation Program or EPP?

An Educator Preparation Program is the formal name for an educational program which leads to teacher certification. The Michigan Department of Education authorizes the Educator Preparation Programs. An EPP is more commonly known as the Teacher Education program. Students must be accepted into their Educator Preparation Program before applying for the MI Future Educator Fellowship.

I live in Michigan, but my parents relocated to another state. Am I eligible?

If you are an independent student as determined by the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, you may be eligible if you have been a Michigan resident since July 1 of the preceding year.

If you are a dependent student as determined by the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, you will not be eligible if your parent(s) did not reside in Michigan since July 1 of the preceding year.

Is the MI Future Educator Fellowship renewable?

The MI Future Educator Fellowship is renewable up to two additional years, for students who maintain eligibility requirements and agree to the service obligation. Eligible students may receive up to three years of awards.

Do students need to fill out a MI Future Educator Fellowship application every year?

Yes. An annual application is required, along with an annual Commitment to Teach in Michigan Agreement.

What is the maximum MI Future Educator Fellowship award I can receive?

The maximum award is \$10,000 year or the cost of tuition and required fees (whichever is less). Student may apply for a renewal Fellowship for up to three years or a maximum lifetime award of \$30,000

Are there limits to the number of students who will be awarded the MI Future Educator Fellowship and MI Future Educator Stipend?

All awards are subject to approved and available funding. Students will be awarded on a first come, first served basis.

How do I receive the MI Future Educator Fellowship award?

Approved funds will be sent to your institution's financial aid office.

What other types of aid can I receive with the MI Future Educator Fellowship?

The MI Future Educator Fellowship can only be paid towards tuition and required fees. If you have other aid that covers a portion or all your tuition and required fees, you may receive a reduced MI Future Educator Fellowship award or may not be eligible for a MI Future Educator Fellowship award. You can receive the MI Future Educator Fellowship and the MI Future Educator Stipend at the same time.

Can students apply for both the MI Future Educator Fellowship and MI Future Educator Stipend?

Yes. Students can receive both the MI Future Educator Fellowship and MI Future Educator Stipend and in the same semester.

What is the Commitment to Teach in Michigan Agreement for the MI Future Educator Fellowship?

- For each year that you receive funding from the MI Future Educator Fellowship, you agree to teach, full-time, in Michigan schools. Each year that you receive funding increases your Commitment to Teach in Michigan. If you do not complete your Commitment to Teach in Michigan, the amount you received in MI Future Educator Fellowship funding converts to a zero percent interest rate loan that must be repaid within 10 years. If the student does not continue full time in their Educator Preparation Program (EPP), the amount of Fellowship they received will be converted to a loan that must be repaid within ten years.
- If the student graduates, but does not begin working as a full-time teacher in Michigan within 12 months, the amount of Fellowship they received will be converted to a loan that must be repaid within ten years.
- Students who do not complete their EPP will be given a six-month grace period to begin payment.
- Students who complete the EPP will be given a grace period of 12 months to secure a teaching job. If after 12 months the student has not begun teaching, they will be given a six-month grace period and then they will begin repayment.
- The interest rate on the loan is 0%.
The loan will be administrated by our Student Loan Program division of Treasury.