Michigan Future Educator Fellowship.

The fellowship provides Education students with \$10,000 towards their tuition each year for a maximum of three years.

In order to qualify for these funds, you must also meet the additional requirements:

- File the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).
- Be a high school graduate.
- Be enrolled at least full-time or its equivalency.
- Be working on your first teacher certification.
- Must have earned at least 58 semester credits
- Have a cumulative GPA of at least 3.0.
- Be a Michigan resident since July 1 of the previous calendar year.
- If you are a dependent student, your parent on your FAFSA must also be a Michigan resident since July 1 of the previous calendar year.

If you believe that you have met all of those requirements, you may create an account and apply for the MI Future Educator Fellowship <u>here</u>. When you apply, **you are required to sign a "Commitment to Teach Agreement,"** in which you are agreeing to teach in a <u>MICHIGAN school</u> (<u>public school or public preschool program</u>) for a certain number of years.

The agreement is as follows:

Year(s) of Fellowship Funding	Commitment to Teach in a Michigan School
1 year (\$10,000)	3 years
2 years (\$20,000)	4 years
3 years (\$30,000)	5 years
3 years (\$30,000)	3 years in a critical needs district

For each year that you apply for the \$10,000 towards your tuition and fees, you MUST meet the above requirements and fill out the application each year.

If you break your commitment to teach, the funds you have received will turn into a 0% interest rate loan.

For more information, see the "Frequently Asked Questions" page on the Hope Education Department website and the Michigan Student Aid website at <u>https://www.michigan.gov/mistudentaid/programs/new-programs-for-future-educators/mi-future-educator-fellowship</u>

NOTE: The fellowship funds MAY impact your existing financial aid. If you have questions, please contact the Hope College Office of Financial Aid at finaid@hope.edu.