

A free college!

MCC supports Michigan Reconnect for free or reduced tuition for those who qualify

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Montcalm Community College is serving as a champion to support the Michigan Reconnect program in an effort to help address a widening skills gap within the state's workforce.

Michigan Reconnect will help pay the costs of tuition or training for eligible adults who want to pursue an associate degree or technical degree.

In addition to the original Michigan Reconnect program, for those age 25 and older, for a limited time only, Michigan residents who are age 21 to 24 and have obtained a high school diploma or equivalent are eligible, too.

Information for those ages 21 to 24:

- Apply and enroll in a community or tribal college no later than fall semester 2024.
- Complete the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid).
- Have lived in Michigan for at least a year.
- Have a high school diploma or equivalent or certificate of completion.
- Have not yet completed a college degree.
- Don't wait — apply to Michigan Reconnect by Friday, Nov. 15, 2024, at www.michigan.gov/Reconnect.

Information for those ages 25 and older:

- High school graduate or equivalent
- Michigan resident for at least one year
- Not yet completed a college degree (associate or bachelor's)
- Apply to Michigan Reconnect at www.michigan.gov/Reconnect.

Michigan Reconnect pays the remaining balance of tuition and mandatory fees after other state and federal financial aid have been applied for students attending a Michigan community college. In addition, Michigan Reconnect only pays the in-district tuition for any of Michigan's public community colleges. You will be responsible for covering the difference between the in-district and out-of-district tuition rates of the community college you plan to attend if you live out of the district and if you do not have other scholarships or awards to cover the difference. ■

For more information:

Visit montcalm.edu/reconnect

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