



MICHIGAN GEAR UP Michigan Education Trust (MET) Contract Fact Sheet Award Year 2017-18

Program Description

Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs (GEAR UP) is a federal program designed to provide early intervention services and programs to students in middle school and high school. The mission of GEAR UP is to significantly increase the number of low-income students who are prepared to enter and succeed in postsecondary education. **MICHIGAN GEAR UP (MI-GEAR UP)** targets low-income students in the state of Michigan providing them with support services to increase their opportunity to succeed in higher education at Michigan's higher educational institutions.

MI GEAR UP Partners

Each participating MI-GEAR UP partner will be allotted a specific number of MET charitable contract awards. They must provide a rank order list of 2017 graduating seniors who have successfully participated in the program for six years and met the nomination requirements for a MET contract. Selected nominees will be awarded a one semester, community college MET charitable contract to the highest ranked students based on the number of contracts available. The maximum a student can receive is two semesters.

Eligibility

General eligibility requirements include:

- Have successfully completed the MI-GEAR UP six-year program **and** been nominated to receive an award.
- Possess a high school diploma or recognized equivalent certificate.
- Initiate postsecondary enrollment prior to age 22.
- Enroll at least half-time at an approved Michigan degree-granting college or university.*
- Be a Michigan resident as determined by institutional criteria.
- Be a U.S. citizen, permanent resident, or approved refugee.
- Meet institution's satisfactory academic progress (SAP) policy.
- Not be in default on Federal/State student loan.

MET Charitable Contract Process

Each student will activate their MET contract either online at <http://www.michigan.gov/setwithmet/0,4666,7-237-58165---,00.html> or by submitting a form at http://www.michigan.gov/documents/3181_3047_7.pdf. The MET office will provide a MET Student Report each semester to the institution's Business Office. The MET Student Report includes the student name, SSN and number of credit hours available. The institution submits an invoice to MET based on the number of credit hours enrolled and MET provides payment directly to the institution.

MET Charitable Contract Limits

Students may receive a one semester community college MET charitable contract (a maximum of two semesters maybe awarded). Each one semester contract is equivalent to 15 credit hours at the in-district tuition rate and includes mandatory fees. The student has a maximum of **seven** years to use the entire contract.

Order of Scholarships Awarded to Students

MET contracts may be used for **tuition and mandatory fees only**. The school must bill based on credit hours enrolled and mandatory fees which may be less than six credits, but no more than the credits awarded on the contract. Mandatory fees allow any fees required as a condition for enrollment, such as registration fees, etc. Fees which are course specific, such as lab fees, or contact hours fees are NOT covered.

For More Information

Contact **Michigan Education Trust**, toll-free at 1-800-MET-4-KID (638-4543), e-mail tresMET@michigan.gov, or Fax at 517-973-6967, or www.SETwithMET.com.

MICHIGAN EDUCATION TRUST (MET) MI GEAR UP MET CHARITABLE CONTRACT AWARD

This contract may be used only at an approved Michigan **public** degree-granting institution that also participates in the federal student aid programs. Participating colleges are listed:

Participating Institutions

Alpena Community College
Bay de Noc Community College
Bay Mills Community College
Delta College
Glen Oaks Community College
Gogebic Community College
Grand Rapids Community College
Henry Ford College
Jackson College
Kalamazoo Valley Community College
Kellogg Community College
Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College
Kirtland Community College
Lake Michigan College
Lansing Community College
Macomb Community College

Mid-Michigan Community College
Monroe County Community College
Montcalm Community College
Mott Community College
Muskegon Community College
North Central Michigan College
Northwestern Michigan College
Oakland Community College
Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College
Schoolcraft College
Southwestern Michigan College
St. Clair County Community College
Washtenaw Community College
Wayne County Community College
West Shore Community College

**MET contract recipients may choose to attend a four-year Michigan, degree-granting institution and the award amount will be based on the weighted average tuition of Michigan community colleges. Or, students may use their MET contract at an out-of-state school and the award amount will be based on the average tuition of Michigan community colleges.*

For more information about these options, contact the MET office toll free at 1-800-MET-4-KID (638-4543).