

SENATE BILL NO. 677

November 09, 2023, Introduced by Senator HUIZENGA and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

A bill to amend 1964 PA 208, entitled

"An act to grant scholarships to students enrolled in postsecondary education institutions; and to provide for the administration of the scholarship program,"

by amending sections 2 and 4 (MCL 390.972 and 390.974), section 4 as amended by 2021 PA 40.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 2. **(1)** ~~The administration of this scholarship program~~
2 ~~shall rest with the~~ **Michigan** higher education assistance authority
3 ~~created by Act No. 77 of the Public Acts of 1960, being sections~~
4 ~~390.951 to 390.960 of the Compiled Laws of 1948.~~ **shall administer**

1 the scholarship program created in section 1.

2 (2) As used in this act, "Michigan higher education assistance
3 authority" or "authority" means the Michigan higher education
4 assistance authority created in 1960 PA 77, MCL 390.951 to 390.961,
5 or its successor.

6 Sec. 4. (1) An applicant is eligible for the award of a first-
7 year scholarship if the authority finds that the applicant meets
8 all of the following:

9 (a) Has resided continuously in this state for the preceding
10 12 months and is not considered a resident of any other state.

11 (b) Has graduated from a high school, or is a student in good
12 standing in a high school who will graduate at the end of the
13 academic year, or an individual who has passed a graduate
14 equivalency examination approved by the state board of education,
15 or, if not a high school graduate, is recommended favorably by an
16 appropriate educational institution as defined in rules promulgated
17 by the authority.

18 (c) Except for an applicant for a graduate scholarship, based
19 on the state competitive scholarship examination, shows promise of
20 satisfactorily completing a course of study at an ~~approved~~**eligible**
21 postsecondary institution of the applicant's choice in this state.
22 For an applicant for a graduate scholarship, the authority shall
23 determine the examination standards for eligibility.

24 (d) Has complied with this act and the rules promulgated under
25 this act by the authority.

26 ~~(e) Is not incarcerated in a corrections institution.~~

27 (2) An applicant who the authority determines is eligible for
28 award of a scholarship under this act shall complete using the
29 scholarship within 1 of the following time frames, as applicable:

1 (a) For an applicant enrolled in an eligible postsecondary
2 institution during the 2020 spring term and the 2020-2021 academic
3 year, 11 years after ~~his or her~~ **the applicant's** eligibility is
4 determined.

5 (b) For any other applicant, 10 years after ~~his or her~~ **the**
6 **applicant's** eligibility is determined.