

# Federal Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarship FEDERAL FINANCIAL AID PROGRAMS “Paying for College in Michigan” Handbook [www.michigan.gov/mistudentaid](http://www.michigan.gov/mistudentaid)

## Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarship

This is a federally funded merit program that is administered at the state level. The scholarship program provides approximately 200 awards per year to Michigan high school graduating seniors who have achieved superior academic records. The award amount is \$1,500 and is renewable for up to four years of undergraduate studies as long as the federal government continues to appropriate funds for the program and the student remains eligible. Recipients may use their award at any degree-granting college or university in the United States that participates in the federal student aid programs.



Students do not apply for this award and do not need to file the FAFSA; instead, each Michigan school principal may nominate one outstanding senior. The student nominated will be the student with the highest grade point average and the highest ACT or SAT score combined using a mathematical formula. The financial resources of the family are not considered in determining eligibility.

## Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible for the Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarship, the student must:

- Have a high school diploma or GED certificate.
- Be a Michigan resident.
- Be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident.
- Be enrolled as a full-time student at a degree-granting college or university in the United States.
- Register with Selective Service if required.
- Meet the institution’s Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) policy.
- Not be in default on an educational loan.

For additional information about the Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarship, contact the Office of Scholarships and Grants at 1-888-4-GRANTS (1-888-447-2687), by email at [osg@michigan.gov](mailto:osg@michigan.gov), or visit the Web site at [www.michigan.gov/studentaid](http://www.michigan.gov/studentaid).