



Snapshot of High School Class of 2006

Source: Michigan Merit Award, Michigan Department of Treasury

Michigan Merit Award – Rewards academic achievement and makes postsecondary education more affordable. Qualifying students are eligible for up to \$3,000 to be used at any approved postsecondary educational institution. The award is available to all public school, public school academy, nonpublic school, and home school students. Funding is provided by a portion of Michigan’s share of the revenue from the November 1998 multi-state settlement agreement with tobacco manufacturers. A student must take the MEAP High School Tests in mathematics, reading, science, and writing. Students who achieve Level 1 or Level 2 on all four tests, and who meet all other eligibility requirements, qualify for the \$2,500 high school award. Beginning with the Class of 2005, students are eligible for an additional \$250, \$375 or \$500 based on their middle school scores. Unlike many other scholarship programs for postsecondary education, the Michigan Merit Award is based solely on academic achievement. The Class of 2000 was the first eligible graduating class.

CLASS OF 2006 - PUBLIC	Math	Science	Reading	Writing	Social Studies*
Level 1 - Exceeded Michigan standards	7,788	6,338	3,148	3,764	1,625
Level 2 - Met Michigan standards	50,797	56,779	74,790	57,974	38,620
Level 3 - Basic level of achievement	17,282	18,661	23,229	41,467	29,197
Level 4 - Not endorsed.....	35,242	28,810	9,583	8,017	39,459
Total tested.....	111,109	110,588	110,750	111,222	108,901
Enrollment (as reported in Fall 2005).....					113,351

CLASS OF 2006 - NON-PUBLIC	Math	Science	Reading	Writing	Social Studies*
Level 1 - Exceeded Michigan standards	1,024	699	423	511	67
Level 2 - Met Michigan standards	4,239	4,623	5,667	4,756	1,380
Level 3 - Basic level of achievement	691	799	481	1,348	756
Level 4 - Not endorsed.....	743	555	83	75	507
Total tested.....	6,697	6,676	6,654	6,690	2,710
Enrollment (reported voluntarily).....					7,884

*Social Studies scores are not used in the calculation for a Merit Award.

	Class of 2006	Class of 2005	Class of 2004	Class of 2003
Total Estimated Enrollment (public and non-public)	121,235	119,910	118,040	120,188
High School Merit Recipients	50,350	53,157	52,870	51,676
Middle School Merit Recipients	43,377	42,205	N/A	N/A
Potential Award Liability	\$145,568,125	\$149,348,625	\$132,175,000	\$129,190,000