

**MICHIGAN EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY GRANT PROGRAM**  
**Act 273 of 1986**

AN ACT to establish a Michigan educational opportunity grant program for resident qualified students enrolled in eligible public postsecondary schools; and to prescribe the powers and duties of certain state agencies.

**History:** 1986, Act 273, Eff. Mar. 31, 1987.

*The People of the State of Michigan enact:*

**390.1401 Definitions.**

Sec. 1. As used in this act:

(a) "Authority" means the Michigan higher education assistance authority created by Act No. 77 of the Public Acts of 1960, being sections 390.951 to 390.961 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

(b) "MEOG" means a Michigan educational opportunity grant established under section 2.

**History:** 1986, Act 273, Eff. Mar. 31, 1987.

**Compiler's note:** For transfer of powers and duties of Michigan higher education assistance authority to department of treasury, see E.R.O. No. 2010-2, compiled at MCL 124.194.

**390.1402 Michigan educational opportunity grants; establishment; administration; purpose.**

Sec. 2. Michigan educational opportunity grants, which shall be administered by the authority, are established by the state to enable eligible postsecondary schools to help eligible students meet educational expenses.

**History:** 1986, Act 273, Eff. Mar. 31, 1987.

**Compiler's note:** For transfer of authority, powers, duties, functions, and responsibilities of the Michigan higher education assistance authority, the Michigan higher education student loan authority, and the office of student financial assistance services in the department of education to the department of treasury, see E.R.O. No. 1995-2, compiled at MCL 12.181 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

For transfer of powers and duties of Michigan higher education assistance authority to department of treasury, see E.R.O. No. 2010-2, compiled at MCL 124.194.

**390.1403 Eligibility of postsecondary school to participate in MEOG program; prohibition.**

Sec. 3. (1) A recognized postsecondary school in this state is eligible to participate in the MEOG program under this act if the postsecondary school is a degree-granting public institution approved by the department of labor and economic growth.

(2) A grant shall not be made under this act to a student who is enrolled in an institution whose primary purpose is to prepare students for ordination or appointment as a member of the clergy of a church, denomination, or religious association, order, or sect.

**History:** 1986, Act 273, Eff. Mar. 31, 1987;—Am. 2004, Act 183, Imd. Eff. July 1, 2004.

**Compiler's note:** For transfer of certain powers and duties vested in the department of career development or its director, relating to powers and duties of state board of education or superintendent of public instruction to the department of labor and economic growth, see E.R.O. No. 2003-1, compiled at MCL 445.2011.

**390.1404 Eligibility of student to participate in MEOG program.**

Sec. 4. (1) A student is eligible to participate in the MEOG program under this act if the student meets the following requirements:

(a) Has resided in this state continuously for the 12 months preceding his or her application for a MEOG and is not considered a resident of any other state.

(b) Is not incarcerated in a corrections institute.

(c) Is enrolled in at least a half-time undergraduate program of study at a postsecondary school that meets the requirements of section 3.

(d) Is certified by the financial aid officer at the postsecondary school as needing the grant in order to meet recognized educational expenses.

(e) Is a United States citizen or permanent resident.

(f) Is not in default on a loan guaranteed by the authority.

(2) A student shall maintain satisfactory academic progress, as defined by the postsecondary school in which the student is enrolled, to remain eligible for a MEOG under this act.

(3) A student shall not be eligible for a MEOG for more than 10 semesters of undergraduate education, or its equivalent in trimesters or quarters, or the equivalent as determined by the authority for less than full-time students.

(4) If a student possessing a degree at a given academic level enrolls for a second degree at the same or lower academic level, the authority shall include MEOGs received by the student when he or she was enrolled for the previous degree at the same or lower level in determining the student's eligibility under this act.

**History:** 1986, Act 273, Eff. Mar. 31, 1987.

### **390.1405 Amount of MEOG; determination; needs analysis standard; prorated payments.**

Sec. 5. (1) The amount of a MEOG to be paid for each semester, trimester, or quarter shall be determined by the institution based upon a needs analysis standard established by the authority.

(2) Prorated payments shall be made at the beginning of each semester, trimester, or quarter to the student or to the postsecondary school for credit to the student's account.

**History:** 1986, Act 273, Eff. Mar. 31, 1987.

### **390.1406 Effect of receiving other student aid.**

Sec. 6. A student who receives a state competitive scholarship award under Act No. 208 of the Public Acts of 1964, being sections 390.971 to 390.981 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, or who receives other scholarships, work-study funds, or grant awards, may be eligible for a MEOG under this act if the total amount of the student's scholarships and grants is less than the student's educational costs. The MEOG, in combination with other student aid, shall not exceed the amount of the student's financial need as determined by uniform criteria of need established pursuant to section 5(1).

**History:** 1986, Act 273, Eff. Mar. 31, 1987.

### **390.1407 Limitation on MEOG; priority.**

Sec. 7. Each MEOG shall not exceed the amount of remaining financial need for the full academic year as reported by the postsecondary school in which the student at any particular school is enrolled, or \$1,000.00, whichever is less. If the number of eligible applicants exceeds the money available, priority shall be given to students with the greatest financial need as determined by each educational institution.

**History:** 1986, Act 273, Eff. Mar. 31, 1987.

### **390.1408 Amount of MEOG funds for fiscal year.**

Sec. 8. MEOG funds shall be made to eligible postsecondary schools for a fiscal year in an amount proportionate to the school's receipt of Pell grant funds under section 411 of title IV of the higher education act of 1965, 20 U.S.C. 1070a, for the most recent year statistics are available.

**History:** 1986, Act 273, Eff. Mar. 31, 1987.

### **390.1409 Rules.**

Sec. 9. The authority shall promulgate rules to implement this act pursuant to the administrative procedures act of 1969, Act No. 306 of the Public Acts of 1969, being sections 24.201 to 24.328 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

**History:** 1986, Act 273, Eff. Mar. 31, 1987.