

How to Apply for Massachusetts In-State Tuition & State Financial Aid

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In September 2023, the DHE rolled out the implementation policies of the new Tuition Equity law, including an **all-in-one, standardized Student Application** and an **Affidavit form**. These resources will help campus administrators determine whether students qualify for in-state tuition and state financial aid as "High School Completers."

Eligibility for In-State Tuition Rates

If you are a currently enrolled or newly admitted student and believe you qualify as a High School Completer, we encourage you to reach out to your school's admissions office and complete the application process. To meet High School Completer status, you must:

- Have attended a MA high school for at least 3 years
- Have received a high school diploma or a GED in MA
- Be admitted to a MA public college or university (for in-state tuition)

You will need to provide **ONE** of the following documents:

- Social Security;
- Taxpayer ID number;
- Evidence of registration with the Selective Service; or
- Affidavit affirming intent to apply for legal permanent residence (a green card) or U.S. citizenship within 120 days of eligibility. **Most students will choose this option.**



Students will need to demonstrate their eligibility once, with no need for annual or periodic reconfirmation. Note that foreign nationals who are in the U.S. temporarily on work or visitor visas are not eligible.

State Financial Aid Application Process

State financial aid programs will be introduced in stages throughout the fiscal year 2024, which coincides with the academic year 2023-2024. **Students reassessed as eligible during the 2023-2024 academic year could have their accounts credited for eligible costs backdated to July 1, 2023!** Here's how it will work:

- **Phase I:** Students who have completed high school and are eligible for MA state financial aid will be immediately considered for all state financial aid programs that don't require financial need, including tuition waivers.
- **Phase II:** Need-based aid eligibility will become available once the DHE establishes a state-approved form equivalent to the FAFSA. We anticipate that all criteria and forms for financial aid determinations will be finalized by January 1, 2024, with eligibility determinations made during FY2024 being retroactive to July 1, 2023.

Scan for more information:



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