



# Future for Frontliners

## Program Description

- **What is Futures for Frontliners (Futures)?**
- A State of Michigan scholarship
- For Michiganders without college degrees who worked in frontline jobs in essential industries during the state COVID-19 shutdown in spring 2020
- It uses federal funds to launch the program and provide tuition-free access to public community colleges to earn an associate degree or industry-recognized certificate

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# Pathways

Futures offers **two pathways** to community college for:

- **Path 1:** Frontline workers who have a high school diploma (or equivalent)
- **Path 2:** Frontline workers who need to complete a high school diploma (or equivalent)

## Path 1: Eligibility for the Scholarship

- Applicants must meet all the following criteria:
- Be a Michigan resident
- Have worked in an essential industry at least half-time for 11 of the 13 weeks between April 1 –June 30, 2020
- Have a high school diploma or equivalent (e.g. GED), and
- Not have previously earned an associate or bachelor's degree
- Not be in default on a Federal student loan
- Complete a Futures scholarship application by 11:59 pm on December 31, 2020



## Path 2: Eligibility for the Scholarship

- Applicants must meet all the following criteria:
- Be a Michigan resident
- Have worked in an essential industry at least half-time for 11 of the 13 weeks between April 1 –June 30, 2020
- Not have a high school diploma or equivalent (e.g. GED)
- Complete a Futures scholarship application by 11:59 pm on December 31, 2020
- Not be currently enrolled in high school (K-12)
- Be at least 18 years of age



## Essential Industries

Using federal guidance, in Executive Orders 2020-2021-70, Governor Whitmer identified workers, and the fields they work in, who were critical to keeping our state running. These are:

- ▶ Chemical supply chains and safety
- ▶ Communications and information technology
- ▶ Community-or government-based operations and essential functions
- ▶ Critical manufacturing
- ▶ Defense industrial base
- ▶ Energy
- ▶ Financial services
- ▶ Food and agriculture
- ▶ Hazardous materials
- ▶ Healthcare and public health
- ▶ Law enforcement, public safety, and first responders
- ▶ Public works
- ▶ Transportation and logistics
- ▶ Water and wastewater
- ▶ ....and additional critical infrastructure workers as identified by the Governor in her Executive Orders



## Website and Application

- Applicants can apply online on the dedicated **LEO website** and will need access to the internet, an email address, and a social security number to apply. ([www.michigan.gov/frontliners](http://www.michigan.gov/frontliners))
- **Application period:** September 10<sup>th</sup>–December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020