

Eastern Michigan University

Higher Education Committee

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Education First Opportunity Scholarship

Eastern Michigan University has been a leader among state public universities in making college affordable with special emphasis to first generation, at risk, low income students. This particular institutional award is designed specifically for this population.

First Introduced: 2012-2013 academic year

Eligibility Requirements:

- Entering FTIAC
- Minimum HS GPA: 3.0
- Minimum ACT composite: 20
- FAFSA required
- Pell Grant Eligibility required
- Annual and renewable award

Scholarship Amount: Full tuition minus Federal Pell grant

As an example, if an entering FTIAC (meeting above qualifications) has a \$3,000 Pell Grant and enrolls in a full academic load of 24 credits, the tuition charge is approximately \$9,600. Once the \$3,000 Pell Grant is subtracted from the tuition charge, the remaining tuition balance of \$6,600 is totally covered with the EFOS scholarship.

Results:

- EMU currently has 1,322 students with this award.
- Each entering FTIAC class has about 550 of the 2,750 class size as recipients
- First-to-second year retention rate: 8.0% higher than overall FTIAC class
- Four-year graduation rate: 9% higher than overall graduation rate