

Massachusetts Department of Higher Education, Office of Student Financial Assistance

Quick Guide for Students

Below is a quick guide to Massachusetts Financial Aid programs. For additional eligibility requirements, award amounts and deadlines, click on the links listed. For a complete list of programs, visit our [Financial Aid Programs](#) page.

Website Link: <http://www.mass.edu/osfa/programs/quickguide.asp>

Program	Type of Aid		Who is Eligible				Other Information
	Need-Based	Merit-Based	Full-time Student	Part-time Student	Public Higher Education Student	Private College/University Student	
MASSGrant	✓		✓		✓	✓	Can be used at any state-approved postsecondary school in MA, VT, PA, and DC. Student cannot already have a bachelor's degree. >> More Info
Gilbert Matching Student Grant	✓		✓			✓	Can be used at any private, regionally accredited, non-profit postsecondary school or school of nursing in MA. Student cannot already have a bachelor's degree. >>> More Info
Need-Based Tuition Waiver	✓		✓	✓	✓		Student cannot already have a bachelor's degree. >> More Info

Categorical Tuition Waivers		<i>Neither</i>	✓	✓	✓		Student must be Native American, veteran, or senior citizen enrolled in undergraduate degree or certificate program. >> More Info
Cash Grant	✓		✓	✓	✓		Student cannot already have a bachelor's degree. >> More Info
Part-Time Grant	✓			✓	✓	✓	Student cannot already have a bachelor's degree. >> More Info
No Interest Loan	✓		✓		✓	✓	Can be used at any public or private postsecondary school issuing undergraduate degrees and/or certificates in MA. >> More Info
John and Abigail Adams Scholarship		✓	✓		✓		Student must have a combined Mathematics/ELA MCAS score in the top 25% of their school district. >> More Info
Christian A. Herter Memorial Scholarship	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Students must exhibit difficult personal circumstances, high financial need, and strong academic promise. Student must apply during 10th or 11th grade. >> More Info
Foster Child Grant	✓		✓		✓	✓	Student must be in custody of Dept. of Children and Families (DCF) through Extended Care and Protection Petition and must not be over age 24. >> More Info