

## *Reconnect*

Reconnect is a four-year State of Michigan last-dollar scholarship program that pays in-district tuition, mandatory fees, and excess tuition hours **after** Pell Grant and any state tuition-based scholarships have been applied towards your in-district tuition, mandatory fees, and excess tuition hours costs. It covers one federal aid eligible Certificate and/or a corresponding Associates degree and will cover credits that are towards the federal aid eligible Certificate or Associate degree.

The difference of out of district tuition, lab fees, course materials, books etc. are not covered by this program.

To transition from being an eligible Reconnect applicant to an eligible participant, you must have enrolled at least part-time (6 credit hours) at an eligible Michigan community college and awarded the Reconnect scholarship.

### *Annual Program Eligibility Requirements for Reconnect Participants*

- Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at <https://studentaid.gov>, listing your community college of choice first on the FAFSA
- Must be in federal aid eligible certificate or associates degree
  
- If required, complete verification requirements, you will be notified through KCC student email and able to view pending verification requirements in the Bruin Portal's Financial Aid Self Service link.
  
- Enroll at least part-time (6 credit hours) in two semesters within your 12-month period of continuous enrollment.
  - If you began participating Summer 2021, your 12-month period of continuous enrollment is **(summer, fall, spring)**.
  - If you began your participation in fall, your 12-month period of continuous enrollment includes **(fall, spring, summer)**
  
- Part-time Enrollment – Enroll and complete at least six credits in two separate semesters as defined by your 12-month period of continuous enrollment.
- Maintain a cumulative 2.0 GPA at the end of each 12-month period of continuous enrollment for four years.
  - Previous SAP statuses will not prevent eligibility or awarding of the Reconnect program. Credit hours earned or unearned prior to becoming a Reconnect participant will not be calculated with the completed credits earned during your 12-month periods of continuous enrollment.

## FAQ's

### **What if I am an eligible applicant and unable to enroll part-time during 2021?**

If you have not enrolled and do not plan to enroll as a part-time student during 2021, you will lose eligibility of your Reconnect Scholarship.

### **What if I am an eligible participant and unable to enroll part-time in two semesters within my 12-month period of continuous enrollment due to an extenuating circumstance?**

You may be eligible for a Leave of Absence from the Reconnect Scholarship program. Please contact Cole McDaniel, Financial Aid Assistant Director at [McDanielC@kellogg.edu](mailto:McDanielC@kellogg.edu) or Nicole Cook, Financial Aid Director at [Cookni@kellogg.edu](mailto:Cookni@kellogg.edu) for additional guidance.

### **What if I enroll in six credit hours or more and I am unable to complete all my credit hours within the semester?**

If you are unable to complete at least six of your attempted credit hours within a semester due to failed grades or withdrawn classes, you can utilize one of your three semesters to make up the credits needed to reach the 12-credit hour completion requirement within your 12-month period of enrollment.

If you are enrolled in six credit hours during this make up semester, your scholarship will be applied toward the credits. If you enroll below part-time in a semester of your continuous enrollment to make up for withdrawn credits from a semester of part-time enrollment during your 12-month period of continuous enrollment, your credits will be counted, but the Reconnect scholarship will not cover them.

If you fail to complete the 12-credit hour requirement by the end of your 12-month period of continuous enrollment, you will no longer be eligible for the Reconnect Program.

### **What if I complete 12 credit hours within my 12-month period of continuous enrollment, but I did not meet the cumulative 2.0 GPA at the end of my 12-month period of continuous enrollment?**

### **What if I want to switch my degree?**

You may switch your degree to another federal aid eligible degree program. However, please keep in mind that Reconnect is a four-year scholarship program

### **What if I want to dual enroll in two-degree programs?**

Reconnect will only cover one degree program. You will need to decide which program and classes you would like your Reconnect Scholarship applied towards.

### **Am I responsible for paying for my withdrawn classes?**

The Reconnect scholarship will cover withdrawn classes for the first 12-months of your continuous enrollment. If you remain an eligible Reconnect participant, enrolled part-time, and you are awarded Reconnect at Kellogg Community College for your second 12-month period of continuous enrollment, KCC will cover withdrawn classes the first semester of enrollment. Your second semester of enrollment within your second 12-months of continuous enrollment

### **What if I want to decline my Reconnect Award for a better scholarship package?**

You may decline your Reconnect Award and still remain eligible for the program so long as you continue to meet the Annual Program Eligibility requirements.

**Why is my Reconnect Award not on my KCC Financial Aid account?**

Our office is awarding the Reconnect awards weekly during peak time in the Financial Aid Office. You may contact our office directly to have the award added that day.

**Why do I only see \$1000 or \$2000 awarded for my Reconnect Scholarship?**

A placeholder amount of \$1,000 or \$2,000 is awarded to ensure eligible students are able to register for classes on time and can take part in the Financial Aid Payment Plan through Nelnet. We will adjust your award to reflect your eligible dollar amount of the scholarship the week of aid disbursement.

**I have the Reconnect Scholarship, why do I have to do the payment plan?**

Signing up for a payment plan is required each semester for all students who register for classes. If you have an award on your Financial Aid account, you will be able to utilize the Financial Aid Payment plan through Nelnet. You will not be required to make a down payment or pay the \$30 non-refundable fee unless, you are required to make payments at the end of the semester for any outstanding balances on your student account.