

**MICHIGAN MERIT AWARD SCHOLARSHIP ACT (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 94 of 1999**

\*\*\*\*\* 390.1457b THIS SECTION IS REPEALED BY ACT 479 OF 2006 EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 30, 2017  
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**390.1457b Michigan merit award scholarship; eligibility requirements; failure to initially achieve qualifying results; nonpublic or home school pupil.**

Sec. 7b. (1) In addition to the requirements set forth in section 7(2) or section 7a(1), to be eligible for the award of a Michigan merit award scholarship under this act, the board must find that a student satisfies all of the following:

(a) The student has graduated from high school or passed the general educational development (GED) test or other graduate equivalency examination approved by the state board.

(b) The student graduated from high school or passed the general educational development (GED) test or other graduate equivalency examination approved by the state board within 1 of the following time periods:

(i) If the student graduated from high school or passed the test or examination before March 1, 2002, within the 7-year period preceding the student's application to receive his or her Michigan merit award scholarship money.

(ii) If the student graduated from high school on or after March 1, 2002 and before the 2006-2007 school year, within the 4-year period preceding the date of the student's application to receive his or her Michigan merit award scholarship money, or if the student becomes a member of the United States armed forces or peace corps during this 4-year period and serves for 4 years or less, the 4-year period is extended by a period equal to the number of days the student served as a member of the United States armed forces or peace corps. The board may also extend the 4-year period if the board determines that an extension is warranted because of an illness or disability of the student or in the student's immediate family or another family emergency.

(c) The student is enrolled in an approved postsecondary educational institution. For students who qualify under section 7(2)(c), the student is enrolled in a vocational or technical education program at an approved postsecondary educational institution.

(d) The student has not been convicted of a felony involving an assault, physical injury, or death.

(e) The student satisfies any additional eligibility requirements established by the board.

(2) For a middle school assessment test or high school assessment test administered after January 1, 2000, the board shall not use that assessment test to determine eligibility for a Michigan merit award scholarship under this section for a particular year unless the board has reviewed and approved that assessment test before it was administered for that year.

(3) The board shall provide each pupil written notice of whether or not the pupil is eligible for the award of 1 or more Michigan merit award scholarships described in this act. If the pupil is eligible, the written notice shall also contain the Michigan merit award scholarship amount for which the pupil is eligible, how the pupil applies for payment of Michigan merit award scholarship, and any other information the board considers necessary regarding qualification requirements or conditions relating to the use of the Michigan merit award scholarship.

(4) It is the intent of the legislature that the level of pupil performance required to achieve qualifying results in a subject area of an assessment test remains approximately the same, and that the board not reduce the required level of pupil performance as a means of increasing the number of Michigan merit award scholarships awarded.

(5) A pupil who does not initially receive qualifying results shall be extended an opportunity to achieve the requisite qualifying results by taking a subsequent assessment test.

(6) A nonpublic school pupil or home school pupil may take, and the board shall administer if requested, an assessment test at a site designated by the board.

**History:** Add. 2004, Act 595, Imd. Eff. Jan. 5, 2005;—Am. 2006, Act 478, Imd. Eff. Dec. 21, 2006.

**Compiler's note:** For transfer of powers and duties of merit award board to superintendent of public instruction by type II transfer, see E.R.O. No. 2003-2, compiled at MCL 388.997.