

CEW+ Scholarship Program - Frequently Asked Questions

Eligibility

Only degree-seeking students are eligible to apply for a CEW+ Scholarship. Students enrolled in certificate programs, postdoctoral researchers, and guest students are not eligible to apply.

- International students are eligible (so long as you meet the rest of the eligibility requirements).
- Students of any gender can apply.
- Students enrolled part-time are eligible to apply.

You can apply if you are not yet accepted but are planning on attending the University of Michigan in the upcoming fall semester. If you are applying to U-M at the same time that you are completing a CEW+ Scholarship application, notify cew-scholarships@umich.edu no later than April 30, 2024, to confirm your plans for enrollment in the Fall 2024 or Winter 2025 semesters.

Applying based on an Educational Interruption

If you are applying based on Educational Interruption, the interruption must be consecutive:

- 2-years (24 months) for undergraduate students
- 5-years (60 months) for graduate students

If you received academic credit for a class (ex. community college) you are considered enrolled regardless of whether those credits can be applied to your degree. Therefore, you must take this into consideration when calculating the length of your interruption.

Applying based on Primary Caregiver Status

Primary Caregiver definitions:

- Lives in the same residence at least 50% of the time and consistently assumes major responsibility for housing, health, and safety of a minor, older adult, or disabled adult; anticipates that this responsibility will continue during the upcoming academic year.
- Lives in a separate residence and provides care for a minor, older adult, or disabled adult for a minimum of 20 hours per week without monetary compensation for at least the past 6 months; anticipates that this responsibility will continue during the upcoming academic year.

Applying as a student pursuing a STEM degree and actively engaged in a Sponsored Student Organization (SSO) that supports gender diversity in STEM fields.

If you are applying on the basis that you are pursuing a STEM degree and actively engaged in an SSO that supports gender diversity in STEM, one letter of recommendation must come from an executive board, staff, or faculty leader from that organization. The organization's status as an SSO will be verified at maizepages.umich.edu. To see a list of STEM degrees that meet the eligibility requirements for a CEW+ Scholarship, visit: <http://www.cew.umich.edu/funding/cew-scholarships/>

For any questions about the application, contact the CEW+ Funding Team at cew-scholarships@umich.edu or contact the Scholarship Program Manager at 734-764-4355 and leave a voicemail with your preferred call-back number.

Submitting the Application - Survey Monkey Apply

The deadline to complete your CEW+ Scholarship Application is 11:59 PM on May 7, 2024.

Personal statements and explanations of eligibility should comply with the stated word limit: 200-words for the description of eligibility; 500-words for each personal statement.

Letters of recommendation must be received before you are able to submit the application. If you have listed a recommender who is not responsive, you may delete and enter the name of a different recommender on the SurveyMonkey Apply platform. Contact cew-scholarships@umich.edu for help navigating any change to your recommenders.

Survey Monkey Apply offers helpful tips for applicants in this document:

<https://smapply.zendesk.com/hc/en-us/articles/115001445354-Applicant-FAQ>

CEW+ Scholarship Selection Process

- Phase 1 - Scholars Identified based on Merit.
Scholar and alternate candidates are selected through a merit-based review process that takes place in two parts: (1) part one of the review focuses on personal statements; (2) part two of the review considers the entire application.
- Phase 2 - Award Amount Determined by Financial Need
Specific award amounts for CEW+ Scholarships are determined to coordinate with the rest of the scholar's financial aid package. Financial information will be requested from scholars and alternates in the spring, after the selection committee completes its merit-based review.

Award Amount

To ensure that you are considered for the largest possible award from CEW+, you must complete and submit the FAFSA to the Office of Financial Aid on or before March 31, 2024 if you are eligible to do so. Failure to submit a completed FAFSA by this deadline means that you will only be considered for the minimum award (\$1,000). You can apply even if you don't qualify for other financial aid. CEW+ Scholars are selected based on the merit of their application; the amount of your award is based on your financial situation.

Note: International or undocumented students can complete an alternate form in lieu of the FAFSA. This takes place during the spring, when additional information about financial need is requested of all applicants recommended as a scholar or alternate to receive funding.

Using the Award

Scholarships awarded this cycle can be used in any semester during the 2024-25 academic year (Fall 2024, Winter 2025, Spring 2025, Summer 2025). The earliest that a scholar selected during this application cycle could receive funding is September 2024. The scholarship can be used for living expenses if your tuition/fees are already covered.

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