

Education Opportunity Fellowship (EOF) Application & Guidelines

➔ Please check (✓) semester(s) attending MSU - FALL SEMESTER 2022 ☐ SPRING SEMESTER 2023 ☐

➔ **THE FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID (FAFSA) FORM MUST BE ON FILE WITH THE MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY OFFICE OF FINANCIAL AID FOR THE YEAR 2022-2023 BEFORE THIS EOF APPLICATION CAN BE PROCESSED!**

STUDENT INFORMATION: Please type or print legibly with ink.

- a. Name: _____
Last First Middle Initial Previous/Maiden Name
- b. PID: _____
- c. Local Address: _____
Street Number Apt. City State Zip
Telephone Number: _____
- d. E-mail Address (required): _____
- e. Gender: Female ☐ Male ☐
- f. Ethnicity: ☐ Black/African-American ☐ Chicano/Mexican American ☐ Multiracial
☐ Spanish American/Hispanic ☐ American Indian
☐ Asian/Pacific Islander ☐ Caucasian

RESIDENCY

- a. Michigan Resident: Yes ☐ No ☐ If no, please specify: _____
- b. USA Citizen: Yes ☐ No ☐
- c. Permanent Resident Alien: Yes ☐ No ☐ Country of Birth: _____
If yes, please submit a copy of your current Resident Alien Card with application.

MARITAL STATUS

- a. Single ☐ Married ☐ Spouse Name: _____
Spouse Student #: _____
Will spouse reside with you? Yes ☐ No ☐
- b. Number of dependent children: _____ Ages: _____
Will dependent children reside with you? Yes ☐ No ☐
If not, explain: _____

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DUE DATE: April 15, 2022

STUDENT STATUS

- a. Are you currently enrolled in a graduate degree program at MSU? Yes ☐ No ☐
1. ☐ Master's Program ☐ Doctoral Program
- ☐ CHM (Human Medicine) ☐ COM (Osteopathic Medicine) ☐ CVM (Veterinary Medicine)
2. Expected date of program completion: _____
- b. Your major Department: _____
Your major College: _____
- c. Is this your first EOF award? Yes ☐ No ☐
If no, please indicate the number of previous semesters you have received an EOF award? _____

CERTIFICATION

I have **received, reviewed and understand** the guidelines of the Education Opportunity Fellowship and agree to abide by these guidelines. If accepted, I agree to reimburse Michigan State University for all stipends paid if I fail to meet any requirements of this award.

I affirm that any grant obtained from funds administered by MSU's Graduate School will be used solely for expenses related to attendance at Michigan State University. I understand that I am responsible for repaying any funds that I receive which cannot be reasonably attributed to meeting my educational expenses at Michigan State University.

I realize that any financial resources acquired after submitting this application must be reported immediately to the Office of Financial Aid, 259 Student Services, so that proper adjustments can be made. I also authorize Michigan State University to verify any potential sources of assistance with external agencies. Any withholding of such information will result in automatic cancellation of aid, billing back of disbursed aid, and referral for judicial action. I further affirm that I have not defaulted on a National Direct (or Defense) Student Loan or Guaranteed Student Loan. I declare under penalty of perjury that the information submitted herein and in any supporting materials are true, correct, and complete.

FURTHER, I AFFIRM THAT THIS CERTIFICATION HAS BEEN READ AND IS UNDERSTOOD IN ITS ENTIRETY.

Signature of Applicant

Date

DUE DATE: April 15, 2022

Return to:

**Education Opportunity Fellowship
The Graduate School
466 West Circle Drive
Room 230 Chittenden Hall
Michigan State University
East Lansing, MI 48824-1104 or
Email: fellowshipapps@grd.msu.edu**

EDUCATION OPPORTUNITY FELLOWSHIP GUIDELINES

The purpose of the Education Opportunity Fellowship (EOF) is to provide financial assistance to Michigan State University's graduate and professional students who meet the following eligibility requirements.

I. To be eligible for an EOF Fellowship, the following guidelines must be met. A student must:

- A. Be a U.S. citizen or a permanent resident of the United States. (Preference will be given to State of Michigan residents).
- B. Demonstrate need for financial assistance in concert with the MSU Office of Financial Aid (turn in a Free Application for Federal Student Aid [FAFSA] to the Office of Financial Aid).
- C. Have a minimum undergraduate federal loan indebtedness of \$25,000 or more.
- D. Be enrolled in a graduate or professional degree-granting program at Michigan State University.
- E. Enroll in and earn six or more graduate credits per semester (Fall and/or Spring) or earn three credits for the summer semester (if you are graduating in the summer semester). **Failure to enroll for six or more graduate credits per semester (three credits for summer semester) will result in a termination of the EOF award for the semester.**
- F. **Meet the minimum academic standards of the university and make satisfactory academic progress as defined by the college, and the department/school in which the student is enrolled.**
- G. Hold no full-time position during the time he/she is receiving this fellowship.
- H. Be graduating in the summer semester in order to be eligible to receive the EOF award for the summer semester of that year.

NOTICE: Education Opportunity Fellowship (EOF) Program and Student Aid Grant for Medical Students (SAG)

Students with undergraduate federal indebtedness of \$25,000 or greater may qualify for the EOF or SAG.
YOU CANNOT RECEIVE BOTH AWARDS IN THE SAME ACADEMIC YEAR.

II. To insure full consideration for the available funds, the applicant must:

- A. Complete an EOF application for the 2022-23 academic year and return it to: Education Opportunity Fellowship, The Graduate School, Michigan State University, 466 West Circle Drive, Room 230 Chittenden Hall. The application is also available at <http://grad.msu.edu/funding> which can be downloaded and mailed directly to 466 W. Circle Dr., Room 230 Chittenden Hall or emailed to fellowshipapps@grd.msu.edu.
- B. Complete and turn in the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), which is available at the Financial Aid Office of any college or university. You must have the FAFSA form on file with the MSU Office of Financial Aid prior to the deadline date.

- III. Fellowships will be based upon validated individual financial need. The maximum EOF award will vary each year depending on the available budget. The Office of Financial Aid determines who the recipients of the award are and the Graduate School initiates the fellowships.**
- A. Eligible fellows will receive a determined amount per semester. (Generally Fall and Spring)
 - B. An additional allowance for spouse and each dependent child will be determined.
 - C. Please note that this award is “first come, first served”. **Some eligible applicants may not receive funding because of the limited amount of this fellowship budget.**
- IV. Processing of Application**
- A. A copy of the EOF application is sent to the Office of Financial Aid to determine financial need on the deadline date. The original application remains in the Graduate School.
 - B. When the analysis is received from the Financial Aid Office, a fellowship is initiated for the award amount by the Graduate School. Only those receiving fellowships will be notified that they are recipients of the award.
- V. Financial support may be granted for five academic semesters for a Master’s degree program, eleven academic semesters for a Doctoral degree program, and eleven academic semesters for professional medical students. No student shall receive more than eleven academic semesters of support.**
- VI. A student receiving an EOF fellowship is responsible for the following:**
- A. Keeping the University notified of current mailing address and telephone number at all times while on the fellowship.
 - B. Notifying the Office of Financial Aid of any aid received from other sources (i.e., part-time work, assistantships, scholarships, etc.) after receiving notification of an EOF award. **Failure to do so will result in the revocation of the fellowship. Students will be billed for excess monies received.**
 - C. Notifying the Graduate School of any changes in status as an MSU student (i.e. dropping/adding classes, withdrawal, change of department, etc.)
- VII. By signing the EOF application, applicants affirm that they have read and understand the EOF guidelines, and if awarded EOF funding, further have agreed to abide by the guidelines as outlined. Failure to meet any of the requirements of these guidelines will result in termination or revocation of an award and the student will be required to repay monies received to the university.**