

COLLEGE ACCESS GRANTS

Michigan's future is a matter of education.

But for too many of Michigan's residents, a college education is a matter of overcoming some formidable barriers... of income, of expectations, and more.

Recently, The Kresge Foundation awarded a \$1 million, multi-part grant with a single focus: making postsecondary education more accessible in Michigan—particularly among low-income and first-generation college students.

Four Opportunities to Improve College Access

Michigan College Access Network and Council of Michigan Foundations announce a set of grants to build up the organizations and programs that put college in reach for more Michigan youth. Generous funding from The Kresge Foundation has created a series of college access program grant opportunities, beginning with funds for planning, moving to program startup and expansion, and working toward greater support and program sustainability through a special challenge. The grants include:

1. Planning Grants

(up to \$8,000) to support the planning process for creating a college access program. Each one-time grant is intended to determine a community's college access needs and to design an implementation plan for starting a college access program.

ROUND 1 proposals are due January 8, 2010.

ROUND 2 proposals are due August 6, 2010.

2. Startup Grants

(up to \$50,000) to support new college access programs. Each one-time grant will assist with the direct program costs of a new college access organization.

PROPOSAL deadlines depend on planning grant timing. See application for details.

3. Expansion Grants

(up to \$25,000) to support existing college access programs with track records of success, enhancing their operations, programming and/or marketing capabilities.

ROUND 1 proposals are due January 8, 2010.

ROUND 2 proposals are due August 6, 2010.

4. Community Foundation Challenge Grants

(up to \$50,000) to encourage community foundations to partner, strengthen and sustain their local college access effort. These challenge grants are available to Michigan community foundations that are in compliance with National Standards for U.S. Community Foundations. To qualify, a community foundation must also receive or partner with a recipient of an MCAN Planning Grant, Startup Grant or Expansion Grant.

ROUND 1 proposals are due April 1, 2010.

ROUND 2 proposals are due November 1, 2010.

Receive support with grant dollars. When you receive any of these college access grants, you're eligible to receive technical assistance and professional support available through Michigan College Access Network.

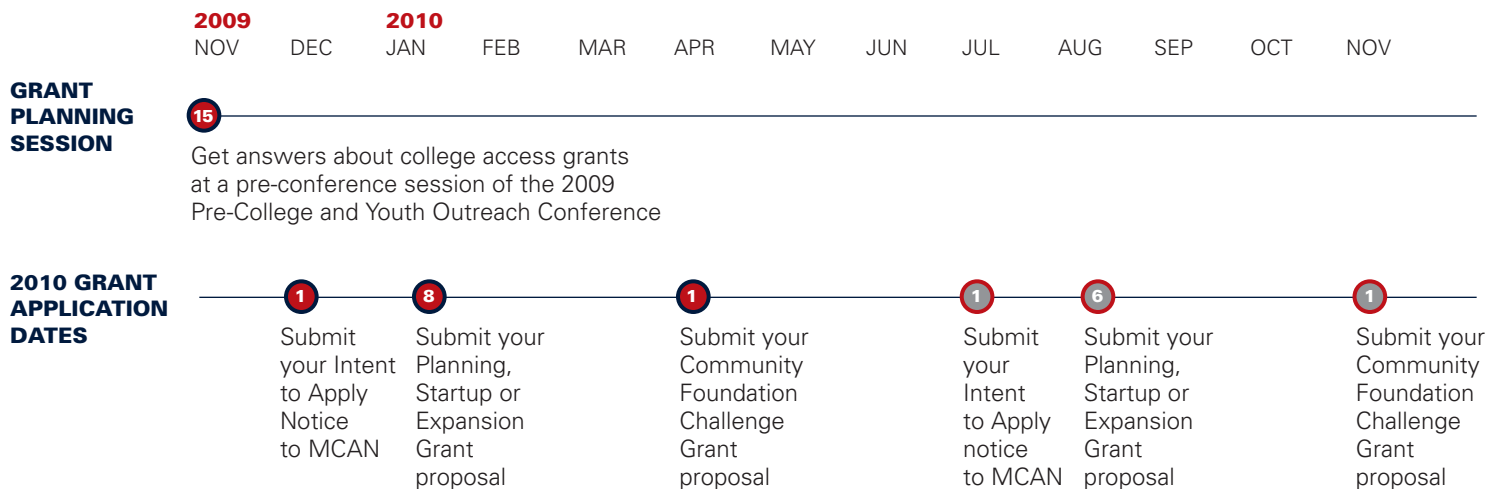
November 15, 2009 – get answers about college access grants at a pre-conference session of the 2009 Pre-College and Youth Outreach Conference.

For more information, visit www.micollegeaccess.org.

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Important Dates



Two rounds of grant applications are available in 2010. Refer to grant applications for 2011 dates. www.micollegeaccess.org

Eligible Program Models

Qualifying community grant proposals must include one of the following college access models:

Community-based: An independent program working with the high schools of a school district(s) to provide information and advising with regard to college selection, college admissions, scholarships and other types of financial aid, educational requirements of various careers, and high school course selection. Program staff may also (1) assist adult learners; (2) provide early awareness services to students in grades K-8; and/or (3) provide retention services to students who have entered college. *(Recommended model)*

Resource Center: A community center offering a wide variety of college access services including information and advising with regard to college selection, college admissions, scholarships, and other forms of financial aid, educational requirements of various careers, and college-preparation course selection to "walk-ins" and by appointment. Other services include print material, online resources, advising, and small group workshops. Resource centers may provide services to traditional-aged high school students, their parents, adult learners and current college students. *(Limited recommendation)*

Consortium: A network of professionals united through a common interest in improving college access and success. They may include college access practitioners, school counselors, K-12 administrators, admissions officers, financial administrators, college and university leaders, government officials, academic researchers, faith-based organizations, civil rights leaders, and representatives from philanthropic organizations and community foundations. Community-based consortiums are best able to coordinate local efforts and leverage local resources. The consortium can facilitate the sharing of research and best practices, convene regular meetings of network membership focused on professional development, and support programmatic efforts that seek to improve local college participation and success rates within the community. *(Limited recommendation)*

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