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## MCC supports MICHIGAN'S FREE-TUITION PROGRAM FOR frontline workers



Dec. 31 is deadline to apply for Futures for Frontliners funding

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Did you work in a hospital, nursing home, grocery store, retail business, sanitation or police department, or other essential industry this spring?

If so, you may be eligible for Futures for Frontliners tuitionfree college at Montcalm Community College. For qualified applicants, the program pays your college tuition to allow you to attend college either full- or part time while you work.

"We believe strongly that those who were required to work during the state shutdown this past spring to allow others to isolate and stay safe are heroes," said MCC President Dr. Stacy H. Young.

"Providing these frontline workers in essential industries with access to tuition-free community college – even if they don't have their high school diploma or equivalency – to pursue their career and personal dreams supports MCC's mission of creating a learning community," Dr. Young said.

Futures for Frontliners offers Michigan adults without college degrees or high school diplomas, who provided essential services from April 1 through June 30, 2020, a tuition-free pathway to gaining the skills needed to obtain high-demand, high-wage careers. The funding is not only available to those in the medical field, but also essential workers in manufacturing, nursing homes, grocery stores, sanitation, delivery, retail and more.

## To be eligible for the program, applicants must:

- Be a Michigan resident.
- Have worked in an essential industry at least parttime for 11 of the 13 weeks between April 1 through June 30, 2020.
- Have been required by their job to work outside the home at least some of the time between April 1 through June 30, 2020.
- Not have previously earned an associate or bachelor's degree.
- Not be in default on a Federal student loan.
- Complete a Futures for Frontliners scholarship application by 11:59 p.m., Dec. 31, 2020.

Enrollment in classes is available beginning January 2021.

## For more information

Visit **montcalm.edu/frontliners** for more information and a link to apply

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