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. No later than April 30, 2020, contact cew-scholarships@umich.edu to notify the CEW+ Scholarship team of your plans for enrollment in Fall 2020/Winter 2021.

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 definition:

- 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 based on SWE/WISE/WISE RP Engagement

If you are applying on the basis that you are actively engaged in SWE, WISE or WISE-RP and working towards a STEM degree, one letter of recommendation must come from an executive board, staff or faculty leader in SWE/WISE/WISE-RP. A full list of eligible STEM degrees is available at: http://www.cew.umich.edu/funding/cew-scholarships/
Submitting the Application – Survey Monkey Apply

The deadline to complete your CEW+ Scholarship Application is 11:59 PM on April 1, 2020.

Personal statements and explanation of eligibility should comply with the listed word limit (200 word count for description of eligibility; 500 word count 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 Survey Monkey Apply platform.

Survey Monkey Apply offers helpful tips for applicants in this document: https://smapply.zendesk.com/hc/en-us/articles/115001445354-Applicant-FAQ

For any questions about the application, contact the CEW+ Scholarship Team at cew-scholarships@umich.edu or 734-764-6360.

CEW+ Scholarship Selection Process

Phase 1 – Scholars Identified on the Basis of 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 includes the entire application.

Phase 2 – Award Amount Determined by Financial Need
Specific award amounts for CEW+ Scholarships are determined in coordination with other aid packages. Financial information will be requested from scholars and alternates in the spring, after the selection committee completes its merit-based review. To ensure that you are considered for the most possible aid from CEW+, you must complete and submit the FAFSA to the Office of Financial Aid on or before March 31, 2020. Failure to submit a completed FAFSA by this deadline means that you will only be considered for the minimum award.

Using the Award

The CEW+ Scholarship Award can be used in any semester during the 2020-21 academic year (Fall 2020, Winter 2021, Spring 2021, Summer 2021). The earliest that a scholar selected this cycle could receive funding is September 2020.

The scholarship can be used for living expenses if your tuition/fees are already covered.

You can apply even if you don’t qualify for other financial aid. CEW+ Scholars are selected based on the merit of the application; the amount of your award is based on your financial situation. If you are identified as a CEW+ Scholar or Alternate candidate, you will be asked to provide additional information about your financial situation.