

Admissions

Massasoit maintains an open admissions policy and accepts students on a first-come, first-served basis without regard to race, gender, sexual orientation, color, national origin, age, religion, or disability status. Students who want to enroll in one of Massasoit's degree or certificate programs, whether full or part-time, must formally apply and be admitted to the College. Students must have earned a high school diploma; passed the General Educational Development (GED) or High School Equivalence Test (HiSet); earned another state-approved equivalency credential; or have completed an approved homeschool program to be admitted to Massasoit.

The open enrollment policy does not apply to selective admissions programs of study which may have specific deadlines, prerequisites, and other admissions criteria.

Applicants will be admitted to the College on a rolling admissions basis, first-come first-served, as long as the application is complete, all required documents have been received, and a vacancy exists in the applicant's desired program of study. Some programs are offered both full- and part-time, and some programs may be offered full- or part-time only. Please note that some of the program-specific courses are only offered on certain campuses.

For detailed admissions criteria and more information, visit massasoit.edu/admissions.

Admission of Returning Students

All students who are academically eligible and have not been in attendance at Massasoit for more than three consecutive semesters are required to reapply for admission.

Readmitted students shall follow new program requirements for the semester for which they are readmitted. Students seeking readmission must complete a program modification form with an academic counselor in the Advising, Career & Transfer Center.

The Registrar's Office will notify readmitted applicants in writing regarding their readmission status.

Readmission for Health Career Applicants

Health career applicants shall be readmitted based on academic eligibility, space availability, and the recommendation of the department chairperson. The Director of Admissions will notify readmitted applicants in writing regarding their admissions status.

Three-Semester Rule

All students enrolled in a degree program who are academically eligible but who have not been in attendance for up to three consecutive semesters shall be eligible to maintain their degree status as long as they register for classes by the fourth consecutive semester (with the exception of health career programs).

- Three-semester students shall not be required to apply for readmittance.
- Three-semester students shall follow the program requirements for the semester that they were previously admitted.

Admission of International Students

International students, those who are not citizens or permanent residents of the United States and are at least 18 years of age, are eligible for admission to Massasoit Community College.

Admissions Requirements

International applicants are required to submit all of the following documents to the Admissions Office by the fall or spring deadlines in order for an application to be considered complete. All application deadlines are final.

Required Forms:

- Massasoit application for admission
- Certificate of financial support
- I-20 application
- All forms are available at massasoit.edu/international.

Admission Deadlines

- Fall semester – July 15 for students outside of the U.S. and August 15 for students within the U.S.; and
- Spring semester – November 30 for students outside of the U.S. and January 2 for students within the U.S.

High School and College/University Transcripts

Applicants must submit an official evaluation of their secondary school transcript and/or diploma. All academic documents must be evaluated by a certified evaluation company prior to submission. Commonly used services for educational evaluations include the following:

- Center for Educational Documentation: www.cedevaluations.com;
- International Education Research Foundation Inc. Credential Evaluation Services: <http://ierf.org>;
- North American Educational Group: www.naeg.org;
- World Education Service – www.wes.org; and
- American Association of Collegiate Registrars & Admissions Officers – www.aacrao.org.

Applicants must submit an official copy of their postsecondary (college or university) transcript(s) with diploma if applicable. College transfer credit shall potentially be awarded only with the submission of an official college transcript and an evaluated document.

Proof of Financial Support

Applicants and their sponsors must demonstrate that there is sufficient financial funding available to support the student while in the U.S. by completing the following:

- Submit the Massasoit Certificate of Financial Support form, which must be signed by the sponsor and notarized; and
- Submit a notarized bank letter with letterhead and signature from bank confirming a minimum amount of \$28,800 U.S. dollars in the sponsor's account.

Both of these financial support documents must be dated within the last six months to be accepted by the College.

Proof of English Proficiency

Applicants shall submit evidence of English proficiency in one of the following ways:

- Submit a score from the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) (a minimum score of 477 on the paper-based test, 153 on the computerized test, or 53 on the Internet TOEFL test is required);
- Submit a score from the International English Language Testing System (a minimum score of 4.5 is required);
- Achieve an acceptable score on an English Proficiency Test administered by the English as a Second Language Department at the College; or
- Submit an official transcript indicating successful completion of an academic program of study conducted entirely in the English language.

International Information Form

Applicants residing in the U.S. at the time of submitting their application shall be required to submit a valid passport, visa, and I-94 card.

B1/B2 Visa

Applicants with a B2 (Visitors) visa who plan to stay in the United States are required to request a change of status to a F-1 student visa upon receiving acceptance to the College. B Visitor visa holders are not allowed to start classes in an associate degree program until notification of their change of status decision.

Applicants must have valid B Visa status in order to apply to the College. If the applicant's B Visa is not valid, the College will not process the application. If the applicant's I-94 Card has expired or will expire before the semester they wish to attend, the applicant shall be encouraged to either file an extension of their B Visa or return home to apply for the F-1 visa.

If the applicant is denied a change of status from a B Visa to F Visa, the applicant must follow all instructions of the Office of United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement (USCIS) provided on the I-797 (Notice of Action) and the applicant will not be able to enroll in an associate degree program at the College based on USCIS regulations for B visas and pursuing a degree program.

The Admissions Office does not process visas or change of status requests (although information and forms may be obtained from the admissions office). The College is not responsible for any change of status decisions.

Final Admissions Deadlines for B1/B2 Visa holders

- Fall semester – May 15; and
- Spring semester – October 15.
- J-1 Visa

Applicants with a J-1 (exchange) visa must apply for a change of status to a student visa (F-1) prior to the expiration date for the J-1 visa. J-1 visa holders shall follow the regular fall and spring admissions deadlines for international students.

Transfer Students

International applicants attending an institution of higher education in the U.S. are required to submit a copy of their current SEVIS I-20 form from the school they currently attend. Prior to being accepted to the College, the applicant and a representative at the current institution of higher education must complete the Massasoit Transfer Form in order to ensure SEVIS transfer compliance.

Final Admissions Deadlines for Transfer Students

- Fall semester – August 15; and
- Spring semester – January 2.

The College is authorized under the United States Federal Law Immigration and Naturalization Act to enroll non-immigrant alien students. Therefore, the College shall accept applications for admission from non-immigrant aliens.

Admission of Homeschool Students

All home schooled students, without a high school diploma or GED, are eligible to apply for admission to a degree or certificate program provided they have successfully completed an approved home school program in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws or the laws of their home state.

To determine whether a student has participated in an approved home school program, the student shall submit, with the application for admission, evidence that the home school program was approved by the student's school district's superintendent or school committee. Additionally, if the home schooled student is under the age of compulsory attendance, which is sixteen (16) years old in Massachusetts, a letter from the student's school district's superintendent or school committee is required stating that the student is not considered truant and would not be required to attend further schooling or continue to be home schooled if the student has completed his/her home school program before the age of sixteen (16).

The College reserves the right to limit or deny enrollment of a student under the age of sixteen (16) in a course or program based on its case-by-case consideration of a variety of factors, including but not limited to: the student's maturity, life experience, placement test scores, prior education, course content, instructional methodology, and risks associated with a particular course or program. See Youth Laerner Policy, page 19.

Placement Testing & Assessment

College Costs: Tuition & Fees

Financial Aid

Massasoit Community College offers a wide range of financial aid programs to help students manage the cost of attending college. These include free community college programs such as MassReconnect and MassEducate, along with federal, state, and institutional grants, tuition waivers, work-study employment, and federal student loans.

Aid eligibility is determined by several factors, including financial need, Massachusetts residency, enrollment status, and program of study. Financial aid can be applied toward both direct college expenses—such as tuition, fees, and books—and indirect costs like transportation and personal living expenses.

All students are encouraged to apply for financial aid, regardless of income level. Programs such as MassReconnect and MassEducate are available to eligible students without regard to financial need.

Confidentiality of Financial Aid Records

The Financial Aid Office follows all regulations outlined in the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) and the Higher Education Act (HEA). All information provided to the Financial Aid Office is regarded as confidential and will not be released without the written consent of the student and/or parent or guardian, except as permitted by law.

Students may authorize the release of general financial aid information by submitting a Release of Information Form or a Permission to Discuss Form. These forms must be submitted to the Financial Aid Office for processing.

Please note: Certain data submitted on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), including income, tax, and asset information, may not be disclosed to any third party, including parents or spouses, without specific written consent. This restriction applies even if a FERPA release is on file and is required under Section 483(a)(3)(E) of the Higher Education Act.

Federal or State Financial Aid Application Procedures and Eligibility Criteria

To be considered for all forms of federal, state, and institutional financial aid, students must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) each academic year. The FAFSA is available at www.studentaid.gov. Students who are not eligible to file the FAFSA but qualify as “High School Completers” under the Massachusetts Tuition Equity Law may instead complete the Massachusetts Application for State Financial Aid (MASFA), the state-approved alternative form.

To receive priority consideration for limited financial aid resources and to ensure timely processing before semester billing deadlines, students are encouraged to submit the FAFSA or MASFA by May 1 for the fall semester and by November 15 for the spring semester.

Students must meet the following eligibility criteria to qualify for federal or state financial aid:

Federal Financial Aid (FAFSA)

- Completion of the FAFSA with Massasoit Community College included in the school selection
- Submission of all requested verification or documentation, if selected
- High school diploma, recognized high school equivalency certificate (GED or HiSET), or completion of a state-approved home schooling program
- Admission to an eligible degree or certificate program with the intent to earn a credential
- U.S. citizenship or eligible non-citizen status, as defined by federal regulations
- Valid Social Security number
- Satisfactory Academic Progress as defined in Massasoit’s SAP policy
- No unresolved defaults on federal student loans or overpayments on federal grants
- Certification that federal aid will be used only for educational purposes

State Financial Aid (FAFSA or MASFA)

- Permanent legal residency in Massachusetts, or classification as a “High School Completer” under the Massachusetts Tuition Equity Law
- Admission to an eligible degree or certificate program with the intent to earn a credential
- Fulfillment of program-specific eligibility requirements for state financial aid programs, including MassReconnect, MassEducate, state grants, and tuition waivers

Completion of the FAFSA or MASFA is required to be considered for all federal and state financial aid programs, including free community college programs such as MassReconnect and MassEducate. These programs are not based on financial need and are available to eligible students regardless of income.

Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP)

To remain eligible for federal, state, and institutional financial aid, including free community college programs such as MassReconnect and MassEducate, students must meet Satisfactory Academic Progress standards. These standards include maintaining a minimum GPA, successfully completing a required percentage of attempted credits, and completing programs within a maximum time frame. Students who do not meet these requirements may lose financial aid eligibility but may be able to appeal.

Detailed information about SAP requirements and the appeal process is available at massasoit.edu/paying-for-college.

Types of Financial Aid

Students who complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or Massachusetts Application for State Financial Aid (MASFA) and enroll in an eligible degree or certificate program may qualify for various types of financial aid. These include federal, state, and institutional grants, free community college programs, tuition waivers, work-study employment, and federal student loans.

Primary Federal and State Grants

Grants are financial aid that does not need to be repaid. They are often awarded based on financial need, enrollment status, and FAFSA or MASFA application data.

- **Federal Pell Grant:** For undergraduate students with financial need who have not earned a bachelor’s or professional degree. The maximum annual award for 2025–2026 is \$7,395.
- **Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG):** Awarded to students with exceptional financial need. Priority is given to Pell-eligible students who meet application deadlines and have a negative Student Aid Index (SAI).
- **MassReconnect:** Covers tuition, fees, books, and an allowance for supplies for students age 25 or older pursuing their first degree or certificate at a Massachusetts community college.
- **MassEducate:** Covers tuition, fees, books, and supplies for Massachusetts high school graduates who meet income and eligibility criteria. MassEducate students may also receive an allowance for books and supplies, based on income eligibility.

- **MASSGrant:** Need-based aid for full-time students who reside in Massachusetts and submit the FAFSA or MASFA by May 1.
- **Massachusetts Cash Grant:** Need-based grant that helps cover tuition and fees for students enrolled in at least three credits. Awards are made on a first-come, first-served basis, with priority given to those who meet published application deadlines.

Institutional Financial Aid

- **Massasoit Community College Fee Assistance Grant (MCCFee):** MCCFee is the college's primary source of institutional financial aid. It helps students cover the full cost of tuition, fees, and required books when other federal and state aid is not sufficient. Funds are limited and are typically reserved for students who meet published financial aid deadlines. When funding allows, MCCFee may also be used to assist eligible students with summer tuition and fees.
- **United Student Fund (USF):** The United Student Fund assists students facing sudden financial emergencies or unexpected events that could interfere with their ability to continue at Massasoit. These funds are not intended to cover routine expenses, tuition and fees, prior balances, or legal costs. Awards are typically limited to \$500 per academic year and are reserved for urgent, one-time needs such as illness, accidents, transportation issues, or temporary housing.
- **Massasoit Scholarships:** A variety of merit-based and need-based scholarships are available to help students with educational expenses. Scholarship information, eligibility criteria, and application deadlines are available on the [Massasoit Scholarships and Awards webpage](#).

Tuition Waivers

Massasoit Community College participates in several tuition waiver programs authorized by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. These waivers reduce or eliminate the state-supported portion of tuition and are available to eligible students based on financial need or qualifying personal circumstances. Tuition waivers do not cover course fees, materials, or other non-tuition charges, and are generally limited to state-supported undergraduate courses.

Need-Based Tuition Waivers

Students with demonstrated financial need may qualify for a need-based tuition waiver for eligible state-supported courses. These waivers typically do not apply to courses taught by adjunct faculty or those scheduled during evenings or weekends. The value of the waiver cannot exceed the actual tuition charge or, when combined with other financial aid, exceed the student's demonstrated financial need.

Categorical Tuition Waivers

Categorical waivers are available to students who meet specific eligibility criteria established by the Commonwealth. To qualify, students must:

- Physically reside in Massachusetts for at least one year as of the start of the term and intend to remain in the state
- Be a U.S. citizen, permanent legal resident, other eligible non-citizen under federal Title IV rules, or have approved "High School Completer" status under the Massachusetts Tuition Equity Law
- Enroll in at least three undergraduate credits per semester in a state-supported degree or certificate program
- Maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress
- Not be in default on federal or state student loans or owe a refund on previous financial aid

Eligible categories for categorical tuition waivers include:

- **Veterans:** Individuals who meet the definition under Massachusetts General Law Chapter 4, Section 7(43), including those who served in qualifying conflicts and were honorably discharged.
- **Native Americans:** As certified by the Bureau of Indian Affairs.
- **Senior Citizens:** Individuals over the age of 60. Senior citizen waivers are only accepted beginning one week prior to the start of the term. Courses must have at least 15 enrolled students. Courses with fewer seats may require additional approval. Eligible senior citizens may receive a waiver covering all tuition and fees.
- **Active-Duty Military:** Members of the U.S. Armed Forces stationed and residing in Massachusetts.
- **Clients of the Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission or the Commission for the Blind:** As certified by the respective agency.

All documentation must be submitted before the end of the semester while the student is still enrolled. Waivers cannot be applied retroactively or after a student is no longer actively enrolled. Students are encouraged to consult the Financial Aid Office prior to registration to confirm eligibility and ensure that appropriate documentation is submitted in a timely manner.

Commonwealth Employee Tuition Remission

Employees of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts may be eligible for tuition remission benefits for state-supported undergraduate courses. The amount of the benefit depends on job classification, union affiliation, and institutional participation. Tuition remission is governed by the Massachusetts Board of Higher Education. Eligible employees should consult their HR office for details. Tuition remission forms must be submitted at the time of registration.

Federal Work Study Program

Federal Work Study (FWS) is a federally funded student employment program that offers part-time jobs to eligible students with demonstrated financial need. Positions are available on Massasoit's Brockton and Canton campuses, as well as at approved nonprofit organizations in the community.

To be considered for FWS, students must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), demonstrate financial need, and meet general eligibility requirements for federal student aid. Awards are made on a first-come, first-served basis, subject to the availability of funds.

The current rate of pay is \$17.00 per hour for on-campus positions and \$20.00 per hour for approved off-campus positions. Students must not exceed maximum allowable work hours and must comply with all employment policies outlined in the Federal Work Study Student Employment Manual.

To apply, students should complete the Federal Work Study Program application, available on the [Massasoit website](#).

Federal Loan Programs

Federal Direct Loans are low-interest loans funded by the U.S. Department of Education to help students and families pay for college. These loans must be repaid. Students must be enrolled in at least six credits in a degree or eligible certificate program to qualify.

Federal Direct Subsidized Loan

This loan is available to undergraduate students with demonstrated financial need, as determined by the FAFSA. The federal government pays the interest while the student is enrolled at least half time, during the six-month grace period after leaving school, and during approved deferment periods.

- Fixed interest rate of 6.39% for loans disbursed between July 1, 2025 and June 30, 2026
- Origination fee of 1.057%
- Lifetime undergraduate borrowing limit: \$23,000

Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loan

This loan is available to undergraduate students regardless of financial need. Interest begins accruing at the time of disbursement and is the responsibility of the borrower.

- Fixed interest rate of 6.39 % for loans disbursed between July 1, 2025 and June 30, 2026
- Origination fee of 1.057%
- Annual and lifetime limits vary by grade level and dependency status
 - Dependent undergraduate students may borrow up to \$31,000
 - Independent undergraduate students may borrow up to \$57,500

Federal Direct Parent PLUS Loan

This loan is available to biological or adoptive parents (or stepparents, if listed on the FAFSA) of dependent undergraduate students. A credit check is required.

- Fixed interest rate of 8.94% for loans disbursed between July 1, 2025 and June 30, 2026
- Origination fee of 4.228%
- May be used to cover the full cost of attendance, minus other aid received
- Borrowers must meet general federal aid eligibility requirements and cannot have an adverse credit history

More information about federal student loans is available at [studentaid.gov](#).

Veterans' Educational Benefits

Massasoit certifies VA educational benefits for eligible veterans, service members, and their dependents, including programs such as the GI Bill® and Massachusetts tuition waivers.

For full information about available benefits, eligibility, and how to apply, visit [massasoit.edu/veterans](#).