



2014-15 Award Amounts

The legislature has passed the School Aid Act (PA196) for FY15 allowing SSG to formally announce the maximum award amounts for the Michigan Competitive Scholarship (MCS) and the Michigan Tuition Grant (MTG). The legislature raised the MTG cap for private institutions from \$3 million to \$3.2 million.

The new maximum award levels for these programs are:

MCS – maximum is \$676 / academic year
MTG – maximum is \$1,626 / academic year

The Payment Schedule for the 2014-15 academic year is now available on our Web site at www.michigan.gov/ssg, under the “Forms and Publications” tab. Financial Aid Professionals: Year-end balancing for the 2013-14 academic year must be completed by July 31, 2014.

If you need assistance, contact Marion Seelman at seelmanm@michigan.gov.

New SSG Materials

SSG e-newsletter: **Affording College in Michigan** | July 2014

Career and Technical Training

The Michigan Credit Union League (MCUL) has collaborated with Congressman Benishek and the State of Michigan Workforce Development Agency (WDA) to develop materials for educating students about career and technical training that is available for high demand skilled trade occupations in Michigan.

The materials include:

- A comprehensive guidebook detailing 24 high demand skilled trades and where to get training (WDA and the Bureau of Labor Market Information and Strategic Initiatives provided guidance during development).
- A video explaining the project and the need (featuring WDA Director Christine Quinn).
- A series of four ready-to-use lesson plans developed from the materials by a Michigan teacher.

You can view the materials on [MCUL's Web site](#). SSG is pleased to have a representative from MCUL presenting on the skilled trade occupations in Michigan at the 2014 High School Counselor Webcast.

2014 High School Counselor Webcast

High school counselors and college access professionals are encouraged to attend the 2014 High School Counselor Webcast, “Helping Students Prepare for College” on Friday, October 17, 2014, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. See the list of the college host sites under the “News &



Brochures for the GEAR UP Michigan! Scholarship and the GEAR UP College Day Scholarship are now available. These brochures review the program eligibility requirements and frequently asked questions.

SSG has also produced a Spanish version of the TIP flyer. The GEAR UP brochures and TIP-Spanish version flyer can be found on the SSG Web site at www.michigan.gov/ssg under "Forms and Publications."

Fostering Futures Scholarship

The Michigan Education Trust (MET), a division within the Student Financial Services Bureau, has a new scholarship for youth who have experienced foster care in the State of Michigan called the Fostering Futures Scholarship. To be eligible, the student:

- Must have been in foster care at the age of 13 or older.
- There is no age limit, as students can receive this award at any age.
- Must be attending a Michigan public or private four-year college/university or community college.
- Funds can only be used to cover tuition, fees, room/board, and required supplies/equipment.
- Funding can be used along with the Michigan Education and Training Voucher (ETV).

Financial aid professionals will receive

Highlights" section of our Web site at www.michigan.gov/ssg. Questions about registration may be directed to Patty Hill at hillp@michigan.gov or 517-373-6051.

Calendar of Events

SSG staff will be at the following upcoming events. If you have questions about these events, please contact Shannon Price at prices4@michigan.gov.

Upcoming Events

- July 22: SSG Informational Table, Big Brother/Big Sister Event, Hawk Island Park, Lansing, 5:30 p.m.
- July 25: Financial Education Presentation, Prevention Works, Kalamazoo, 11:00 a.m.
- July 28: Financial Education Presentation, United Way Montcalm/Ionia, Greenville High School, Greenville, 9:00 a.m.
- August 6: SSG Informational Session, Michigan State University FAME Camp, East Lansing, 10:30 a.m.

guidance soon regarding the awarding order and procedure for this scholarship.

For more information on this scholarship opportunity, visit MET's Web site at www.michigan.gov/setwithmet and click on the "Fostering Futures" tab or contact (517) 335-4884.



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