



New Employee to Student Scholarships and Grants

We are excited to welcome Chad Somerville to SSG, who is assisting with outreach efforts for the Student Financial Services Bureau (SFSB). Chad has experience in financial literacy presentations, college access activities, and a communication background that will be extremely beneficial to SFSB. His past experience includes work as a Financial Aid Officer at Baker College where he also served as the Work Study Coordinator, met with students/families, promoted financial aid and the application process at high school financial aid nights, and awarded financial aid files. Prior to Baker College, Chad worked closely with social media in the Communications/Public Relations Department at Darlington Raceway. He earned his bachelor's degree from Grand Valley State University. Contact Chad at somervillec@michigan.gov.

Debt Relief - Be Aware of Potential Scams

Have you heard commercials and radio advertisements which ask if you are struggling with student loan debt, and to "call

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TIP Flyer – Spanish Version

The Tuition Incentive Program (TIP) flyer is now available in Spanish. It is available for download only on our Web site at www.michigan.gov/ssg under the "Forms and Publications" tab at the bottom of the page.

Taking Advantage of Summer for Scholarship Opportunities

Are you looking for scholarship opportunities to help pay for college? Summer break is a great time to get started. SSG highly recommends students apply for as many scholarships as possible because building a "scholarship resume" is critical to ensure you are receiving maximum consideration. There are various scholarship search engines listed on our Web site at www.michigan.gov/ssg. Click on the "Interactive Resources" tab.

Community service and taking advantage of volunteer opportunities through local organizations is another great way to put yourself into position to be eligible for free money. Actively involving yourself in the community is one of the best ways to separate you from other students who might be applying for the same scholarship. Check into volunteer opportunities at local parks and recreation departments, religious organizations, animal shelters, soup kitchens, and environmental advocacy organizations.

Take advantage of your time off to get involved and make a great investment in your future.

Financial Education Seminars

right now" for immediate relief?

Many Michigan students have fallen behind on their student loans, and thousands more are barely able to make their payments each month. In response to the growing student loan debt crisis, a new industry has sprung up that offers to help deal with such debt.

These so-called "debt-relief" companies often portray federal student loan programs and options as their own and are deceiving borrowers into paying hundreds or even thousands of dollars for access to options that are readily available for free. SFSB is committed to protecting student loan borrowers from these predatory practices by educating students and families through free services.

For more information about debt relief, visit www.michigan.gov/mistudentaid. Click on the "Student Loans" tab and then on "Michigan Guaranty Agency."

CASE Credit Union is hosting a financial education seminar called *Credit Care Seminar - Do You Know Your Credit Score?* It will be held at CASE Credit Union, West Saginaw Branch, Community Room, Lansing, at 12:00 p.m. Space is limited.

For more information, visit www.casecu.org, or contact pmilesgrant@casecu.org.

Calendar of Events

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

Upcoming Events

- July 14: Financial Education/Collegiate Reality for United Way-Montcalm and Ionia Counties
- July 18: Macomb County Spirit Youth Conference, hosted by Macomb County DHS, Macomb Intermediate School District in Clinton Township (9:30 – 11:00 a.m.)
- July 22: Big Brother/Big Sister event-Hawk Island Park in Lansing
- July 28: Financial Education/Collegiate Reality for United Way-Montcalm and Ionia Counties



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