



## September-College Savings Month

With the rising cost of postsecondary education, it's important for students and families to plan and save for college. Information about college savings can be found in our guidebook, "[Affording College in Michigan](#)." This makes September a great time to consider looking at Michigan's guaranteed tuition program, [Michigan Education Trust](#), and our savings/investment program, [Michigan Education Savings Program](#). Another great way to save money for college while you are in high school is to participate in [Dual Enrollment](#).

## September-Hispanic History Month

In celebration of Hispanic History Month, [Advocates for Latino Student Advancement in Michigan Education \(A.L.S.A.M.E.\)](#) held a conference on the campus of Michigan State University on Tuesday, September 16, 2014, that was attended by over 600 Michigan students. The conference had workshops on preparing for college, financial aid, and career options. The conference included a college fair where students gathered information about Michigan colleges and universities. SSG staff members distributed materials to students, including the Spanish version of the [Tuition Incentive Program flyer](#).

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### Ordering SSG Materials

If you are interested in ordering SSG materials, please contact Shannon Price at [prices4@michigan.gov](mailto:prices4@michigan.gov). Our materials include:

- \* Tuition Incentive Program items: Poster and Flyers
- \* Guidebook: Affording College in Michigan
- \* SSG Programs at a Glance Flyer
- \* Informational Contact Cards

Web-based materials include:

- \* GEAR UP Michigan! Brochure
- \* GEAR UP College Day Brochure
- \* Spanish Version-TIP Flyer

### Scholarship Opportunities

#### Voice of Democracy Scholarship

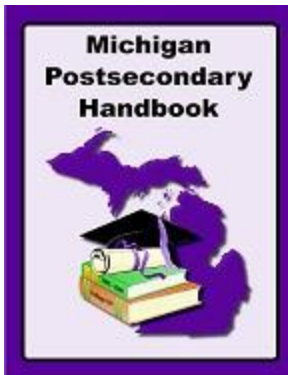
Each year, nearly 40,000 high school students from across the country enter to win a share of the \$2.2 million in educational scholarships and incentives awarded through the VFW's Voice of Democracy audio-essay competition. Application information is available at <http://www.vfw.org/VOD/>.

#### Michigan Remembers 9-11 Fund

2014-15 Michigan Remembers 9-11 essay contest is for high school juniors and seniors from schools in Michigan (public, private, and home schools). Students are encouraged to submit an original essay on their reflections and research on the impacts of the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks in New York City, Washington D.C., and Flight 93 in Shanksville, Pennsylvania. For more information visit [www.MichiganRemembers.org](http://www.MichiganRemembers.org). Submission deadline is September 30, 2014.

#### Community Foundation Scholarships

Check with your local community foundation to see what types of community based scholarships are available. Examples of this



## 2014-15 Edition of the Michigan Postsecondary Handbook

The [Michigan Postsecondary Handbook](#) contains current information on admission requirements, campus characteristics, program offerings, and application procedures for each college and university in Michigan, as well as information pertaining to the various private occupational schools that are licensed or approved by Michigan agencies. Information for these occupational programs was provided by the Michigan Departments of Education, Licensing and Regulatory Affairs, and Transportation. Advanced Placement and Dual Enrollment program information is also provided.

This source of important information will assist a variety of professionals working with secondary, postsecondary, adult and continuing education students and their families. It is our hope you find this information useful as you assist students in obtaining their goal of a higher education.

**The handbook currently is not in print; however, there is a complete version in PDF format available on our Web site.**

For answers to your questions, please contact Patty Hill at [hillp@michigan.gov](mailto:hillp@michigan.gov).

## High School Counselor Webcast – Registration is Now Open

SSG and the Michigan Student Financial Aid Association (MSFAA) are co-sponsoring the

are the [Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan](#) and the [Jackson Community Foundation](#). Generous donors make these community scholarships available, make sure to apply!

### Calendar of Events

Outreach staff will be at the following upcoming events. If you have questions about these events (including times, specific locations, topics covered, etc.) please contact Shannon Price at [prices4@michigan.gov](mailto:prices4@michigan.gov).

- Wednesday, September 24: College Fair Huron Valley/Milford HS
- Thursday, September 25: College Fair City of Warren
- Thursday, September 25: College Fair Brighton High School
- Tuesday, September 30: College Fair Mid-Michigan College Night CMU
- Thursday, October 2: Montcalm Community College
- Monday, October 6: Kalamazoo Valley College Fair
- Tuesday, October 7: Fremont College Fair and Financial Aid Presentation
- Wednesday, October 8: Henry Ford Academy Charter School Fair
- Wednesday, October 8: Schoolcraft College Fair
- Thursday, October 9: Van Buren Technology Center
- Friday, October 10: MSFAA 101 Training
- Tuesday, October 14: HBCU College Fair-Union Missionary Baptist Church
- Wednesday, October 15: Hamtramck High School
- Wednesday, October 15: Ypsilanti DHS
- Thursday, October 16: Detroit Community Event
- Friday, October 17: High School Counselor Webcast

2014 High School Counselor Webcast.  
Registration information was sent to high school lead administrators to share with their guidance counselors. If you did not receive registration information and want to attend the Webcast at a college site near you, please visit our Web site at [www.michigan.gov/ssg](http://www.michigan.gov/ssg). You will find the registration information under News and Highlights. The registration link is <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/2014HSCW>

**Please note: Two sites have been added since the registration opened. They are Baker College of Cadillac and Monroe County Community College.**

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- Monday, October 20: Financial Aid Night Costik Center Farmington Hills
- Tuesday, October 21: MSFAA-EAMO Innovation Central High School-GR
- Tuesday, October 21: St. Joseph High School
- Thursday, October 23: Aquinas College Fair
- Thursday, October 23: Mott Community College Fair
- Friday, October 24: Baker College of Owosso
- Tuesday, October 28: Oakland Schools Technical Campus NW
- Tuesday, October 28: St. Clair County Community College