



## Student Financial Services Bureau Video

SSG is proud to be a division in the Student Financial Services Bureau (SFSB) within the Michigan Department of Treasury. Recently, SFSB produced a short video which provides an overview of all the divisions. Check out the video [here](#).



## Career Liaisons – Your Career Conduit

In response to concerns raised at the 2013 Governor's Economic Summit, the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) and ten of Michigan's community colleges partnered to launch the Career JUMP START program! One of the most common issues discussed at the summit was the lack of knowledge that high school students have about high-demand careers and local training programs available to them. Career JUMP START provides a career liaison specialist in each of the ten "[Prosperity Regions](#)" who serves as a resource and conduit for high school students, educators, parents, and community members for identifying:

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### Children of Veterans Tuition Grant - Information for Financial Aid Professionals

The Children of Veterans Tuition Grant (CVTG) program requires a student to maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.25. It is required that institutions verify that a student is eligible for renewal for the next academic year. It is necessary to provide verification at the end of the academic year, not at the time reimbursement is requested. SSG will send a form letter to each institution requesting GPA verification after fourth quarter payments are processed (late August). If you have questions, please contact Kathy Welch at our toll-free number 1-888-447-2687.



### Tuition Incentive Program - Reminders for Financial Aid Professionals

#### Mandatory Fees:

Mandatory fees must be charged at the same number of credit hours that you are billing tuition. Example: A student is enrolled in 14 credit hours. Since a student can use 24 credit hours in an academic year, you will bill TIP at 12 "billable" hours. You calculate the tuition at 12 hours and you MUST also calculate mandatory fees at 12 "billable" hours. You cannot calculate mandatory fees at 14 credit hours unless you charge 14 credit hours for tuition. Billable hours must be used to calculate tuition and mandatory fees, not enrolled hours.

#### Institution Billing:

Institutions may only bill one tuition rate for the academic year. The State will NOT cover increased

- High-demand careers
- Training and educational programs

Find your liaison at these community colleges: Alpena Community College, Bay de Noc Community College, Delta College, Grand Rapids Community College, Jackson College, Kalamazoo Valley Community College, Lansing Community College, Mott Community College, North Central Michigan College, and Oakland/Workforce Intelligence Network. Data from both the state and local levels are used to fuel and inform the program.

Programs such as Michigan Advanced Technician Training (MAT2), <http://www.mitalent.org/mat2/>, provide hands-on experience and employment simultaneously, putting students directly in the workforce with a sponsor company so they can "earn while they learn."

For more information about high-demand jobs, events, activities, training opportunities, workshops, plant tours, and apprenticeships, e-mail inquiries to [careerliaison@michigan.org](mailto:careerliaison@michigan.org).

## Scholarship Opportunity

A veterans scholarship opportunity is being offered by VFW Post 5855 for veterans seeking to advance their education.

- Applicant must be a combat veteran and have been awarded a campaign medal or expeditionary medal.
- Applicant must be attending a university, college, or trade school in the state of Michigan.
- Applicant must have a minimum GPA of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale. If no postsecondary GPA has been established, then a high school GPA will be used.
- Applicant must be a current member of a Veterans Service Organization (VSO).

The application deadline is September 15, and applicants must be combat veterans. Full information about the award

costs due to an increase in mid-year tuition rates. The tuition and fee rates charged at the beginning of the school year (fall semester) cannot be increased for any other semester in the academic year, including summer semester. Summer semester is considered a "trailer" semester (the end of the school year) for all State of Michigan programs.

### New TIP Policies/Information:

- Effective academic year 2014-15 institutions will be able to bill the TIP program for any mandatory fee, up to a maximum of \$250 per semester/term. Mandatory fees are defined as fees charged to ALL students as a condition of enrollment.
- For participating independent institutions, federal tribally-controlled institutions, or Focus: HOPE, the current average in-district tuition rate is \$95 per credit hour.
- Definition of an acceptable certificate program: A certificate program MUST be a minimum of one academic year. An academic year is a period of at least 30 weeks of instructional time. A full-time student is expected to complete a minimum of 24 semester hours or 36 term hours.
- SSG will require that all institutions use the Excel spreadsheet reimbursement form found on our Web site at [www.michigan.gov/ssg](http://www.michigan.gov/ssg) under the "Forms and Publications" tab, beginning academic year 2014-15. The form reflects the changes in mandatory fee charges.

### 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).

### Upcoming Events

- August 19: TIP presentation to community groups in Holland
- August 22: Juvenile Justice Coalition in Jackson-Promotion of SFSB to group
- September 3: Outreach Table at Treasury Picnic
- September 4-6: Veterans Expo in Grand Rapids-Promotion of Children of Veterans Grant
- September 12: Promoting the Publics Conference at the Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center in East Lansing

and the application process may be found at [http://portagevfw.org/?page\\_id=13](http://portagevfw.org/?page_id=13).

## High School Counselor Webcast

The 2014 High School Counselor Webcast, "Helping Students Prepare for College" will be held on Friday, October 17, 2014, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. This event was approved for three State Continuing Education Clock Hours (SCECH) for those wishing to obtain professional development credit.

See the list of college host sites under the "News & Highlights" section of our Web site at [www.michigan.gov/ssg](http://www.michigan.gov/ssg). Registration information will be sent the second week of September. Please contact Patty Hill at [hillp@michigan.gov](mailto:hillp@michigan.gov) or 517-373-6051 with questions.

- September 14-8: College Fairs in Upper Peninsula: Bay College-Escanaba, Bay College West Campus Iron Mountain, Menominee High School, Gogebic Community College, Ironwood, Michigan Technological University, Houghton, Newberry High School, and Lake Superior State University, Sault Ste. Marie
- September 15: Scholarship presentation at Chelsea District Library
- September 16: Advocates for Latino Student Advancement in Michigan Education (ALSAME) 13th Annual Youth Conference, Michigan State University (MSU), East Lansing
- September 22: College Fair Lake Michigan College, Benton Harbor
- September 24: College Fair Huron Valley/Milford High School
- September 25: College Fair City of Warren
- September 25: College Fair Brighton High School
- September 30: College Fair, Mid-Michigan College Night, Central Michigan University (CMU) in Mt. Pleasant
- October 2: Montcalm Community College, Sidney



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