

This brochure does not provide all material information concerning the Michigan Education Trust (MET). All potential purchasers should read the entire Contract Enrollment Booklet for a full program description.

Contract Enrollment Booklet is available online at:  
[www.met4kid.com](http://www.met4kid.com)

*Investment management, program administration and distribution for MET is provided solely by the Michigan Department of Treasury.*

## Features and Benefits

### MICHIGAN TAX DEDUCTION

Total contract price (lump sum) or monthly payments made are deductible on a purchaser's Michigan income tax form in the year they are made.

### TAX DEFERRED EARNINGS

Purchasers and students will not pay state or federal<sup>1</sup> income tax when the benefits are used for qualified higher education expenses.

### GIFT TAX EXEMPTION

Funds used to purchase a MET contract and funds deposited into an account constitute a gift to the beneficiary. If the gift exceeds the annual exclusion amount, under federal tax law, a special election exists that allows the contributor to prorate the gift over five years.

### ROLLOVERS FROM OTHER 529 PROGRAMS

MET accepts rollovers from other programs, including MESP. MET contracts and funds cannot be rolled over to other programs until the beneficiary is age 18 or graduated from high school.

### TRANSFERABILITY

Contracts can be transferred to immediate family members of the original beneficiary (including siblings, children, and first cousins) once the original beneficiary turns 18 years old or graduates from high school. However, no single beneficiary can have more than four years of education benefits.

### PORTABILITY

Students may direct a refund amount to any out-of-state baccalaureate degree granting institution or community college. Refund options available for scholarship, military enlistment, death or disability, or not attending college.

<sup>1</sup> The law allowing federal income tax-free qualified withdrawals is set to expire on December 31, 2010. Congress may or may not extend this law beyond this date.



Michigan's Guaranteed  
Tuition Program



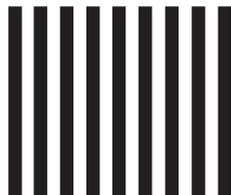
**Tomorrow's  
Tuition...  
SET with MET!**

Enroll September 1, 2004  
through June 15, 2005



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# Michigan Education Trust

## Program Information

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## \* Enhancements \*

The Michigan Education Trust (MET) program allows parents, grandparents and others to pre-purchase undergraduate tuition. MET offers three prepaid tuition contracts: a full benefits plan, a limited benefits plan and a community college plan. The ability of MET to pay benefits and provide refunds under the contract is secured by the assets of the plan.

### MET PROVIDES:

- **PEACE OF MIND FOR PARENTS:** Tomorrow's college tuition at today's cost.
- **HOPE & OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUNG CHILDREN:** Encourages students to excel and provides an opportunity to save for higher education.
- **FLEXIBILITY:** Students have nine years from expected high school graduation year to utilize tuition benefits.
- **PORTABILITY:** Students may direct a refund amount to any baccalaureate degree granting institution or junior college. Refund options available for scholarship, military enlistment, death or disability, or not attending college.

### UNDER THE FULL BENEFITS PLAN

MET will provide in-state tuition and mandatory fees at Michigan public universities or in-district or out-of-district\* tuition and mandatory fees at Michigan public community colleges up to the number of credit hours required for a standard four-year undergraduate degree. Individuals may purchase in one-semester increments up to eight semesters (four years).

### UNDER THE LIMITED BENEFITS PLAN

MET will provide in-state tuition and mandatory fees at a Michigan public university or in-district or out-of-district\* tuition and mandatory fees at Michigan public community colleges up to 105 percent of the

weighted average tuition of all Michigan public universities. Individuals may purchase in one-semester increments up to eight semesters (four years).

### UNDER THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE PLAN

MET will provide in-district tuition at any Michigan public community college. Individuals may purchase in one-semester increments up to four semesters (two years). Refund options are available for students choosing to attend a Michigan public university, a Michigan independent (private) institution or an out-of-state institution, and to students choosing not to attend college.

### PURCHASE OPTIONS & COSTS

Lump sum or monthly, including coupon book, electronic funds transfer or payroll deduction. Contract costs vary based on age or grade of beneficiary, see complete Price Chart at [www.met4kid.com](http://www.met4kid.com).

### ELIGIBILITY

The child must be a Michigan resident and within the age/grade stated in the price chart at the time of purchase. Students must meet the admission standards of the college they wish to attend. The purchaser must reside in the United States. If the purchaser is not a Michigan resident, enrollment in MET will be conditioned upon MET's ability to comply with that state's security laws.

**Room, board, books, non-mandatory fees and other expenses are not covered by MET.**

*\*MET only pays out-of-district tuition if the student does not qualify for the in-district tuition rate and only to the extent that the out-of-district tuition rate does not exceed the average tuition of Michigan public universities.*

### ENROLL EARLY AND SAVE

Enrollment begins September 1, 2004. You may enroll online at [www.met4kid.com](http://www.met4kid.com) or by mail. Details below:

#### Enroll Online

September 1, 2004 to June 15, 2005

*Contract Processing Fee \$25.00 (save up to \$60.00)*

#### Enroll by Mail

September 1, 2004 to December 31, 2004

*Contract Processing Fee \$35.00 (save \$50.00)*

January 1, 2005 to March 31, 2005

*Contract Processing Fee \$55.00 (save \$30.00)*

April 1, 2005 to June 15, 2005

*Contract Processing Fee \$85.00*

**Lump sum purchases made by December 31, 2004, qualify for a State of Michigan Income Tax deduction for the 2004 tax year.**

MET staff is available 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Visit [www.met4kid.com](http://www.met4kid.com)  
Or call toll free  
1-800-MET-4-KID (638-4543)

- Pricing for high school students
- 15-year monthly purchase (limited to ages 0-3)
- Monthly purchase early payoff discount
- Enroll online for discounted processing fee

**Yes! Please send me a  Booklet.**

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