



News from OSG
March 2012

Dear Colleagues:

We know that many of you are already packaging awards for academic year **2012-13**. Attached to this e-mail, are the State budget figures for awarding Michigan Competitive Scholarship (MCS) and Michigan Tuition Grant (MTG).

The MISO budget screens are now open and pre-populated with the State's numbers for Books and Personal, Travel without dorms, Travel with dorms and Room and Board without dorms. Please go out on-line and enter your budgets for Tuition and Fees, Dorms and your Semester/Term start and end dates into the system. **You have until April 2nd to enter your budget figures.** At the end of that day, we will close and lock the budget pages. OSG staff will monitor your entries and contact you if we see any irregularities.

Governor Snyder's budget proposal for FY 13 recommends a MTG maximum award amount of \$1,512 and a maximum MCS award amount of \$575. At this time these are **ESTIMATED** award amounts. The actual maximums will be determined once we know the final appropriation amounts when the budget is passed. It is also dependent on the number of eligible students.

Remember that we cannot make any awards until a budget is passed and we have qualified applicant numbers. As our partners, I want to fill you in on our projected time-frame for making awards. Because of an issue with our system, we have not yet uploaded FAFSA's for 2012-13.

Projected Time Line

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| April 3 | FAFSA loading will begin Wednesday 3/21/12. This process takes two weeks. |
| April 4 | FAFSA edits will be processed. OSG will send you lists of your students who have issues such as citizenship, residency, SAP and GPA for you to review and clear if necessary. |
| April-May ? | If there is a budget, we can make MCS awards after all edits are completed. |

June 30 The deadline for MTG applications. Counts can now be taken of qualified students.

July 16 (If there is a budget) estimated date that MTG awards will be made.

Remember OSG does not send award letters to students. Institutions must notify students of these state awards by identifying them on their award letters.

If you need assistance with the entry of your budget figures, or with access to the MISO system, please contact Marion Seelman at Seelman@michigan.gov or call 517-241-3106.

As we continue to finish up items for the current year, we look forward to working with you on this next year.