

Student Scholarships and Grants

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High School Counselor Workshop

High School Services Unit (HSS)



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We are pleased to announce that the Student Scholarships and Grants (SSG) division will be stepping up our efforts to reach high school counselors and students. The SSG High School Services (HSS) unit will be working with Michigan colleges and high schools on the following:

- High School Counselor Webcast (HSCW)
- Michigan Postsecondary Handbook
- College Goal Sunday
- Paying for College

More information on [Planning for College](#) can be found on our Web site at www.michigan.gov/ssg.

2012 High School Counselor Webcast

The High School Counselor Webcast will be held Friday, October 26, 2012, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The mailing to high school guidance counselors was mailed Monday, September 10. Remember the registration form is due back to the host site **no later than September 21**.

For more information, contact Patty Hill in the High School Services unit at hillp@michigan.gov or 517-373-6051.

2012 Host Site Locations

Adrian College
 Albion College
 Alpena Community College
 Baker College of Auburn Hills
 Baker College of Flint
 Baker College of Muskegon
 Bay de Noc Community College
 Central Michigan University
 Cleary University, Ann Arbor
 Delta College/Bay-Arenac ISD Career Center
 Glen Oaks Community College
 Gogebic Community College
 Grand Valley State University
 Kirtland Community College
 Lake Superior State University
 Lansing Community College
 Marygrove College
 Michigan Technological University
 North Central Michigan College
 Northern Michigan University
 Northwestern Michigan College
 St. Clair County Community College
 University of Michigan - Dearborn
 Wayne State University
 West Shore Community College
 Western Michigan University



Dual Enrollment



Recent legislation has amended the Postsecondary Enrollment Options Act (PSEOA) (Public Act 160 of 1996) and the Career and Technical Preparation Act (Public Act 258 of 2000) to expand dual enrollment options for high school students in the state of Michigan. The language allows students to begin taking dual enrollment classes in the 9th grade and to continue to take up to ten dual enrollment classes in grades 9-12. There is also a change for students attending an approved non-public high school.

On August 30, Deputy Superintendent/Chief Academic Officer Sally Vaughn sent a memorandum to all local and intermediate school district superintendents and public school academy directors. Included in her message was a link to the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) updates on dual enrollment and a [FAQ document on dual enrollment](#).

If you have any questions, MDE has indicated that you should contact:

Brian Barber
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517-335-3005

WHY IS TREASURY'S SSG INVOLVED?

In the past, higher education institutions worked directly with local school districts for reimbursement for dually-enrolled students. That process will continue with students attending a public high school. However, this amended legislation requires Treasury (SSG) to make payments to colleges for dual enrolled students who originate from a non-public high school.

Higher education institutions will send billing requests for these students to MDE. MDE will in turn calculate the amount due to the postsecondary institution and forward that information to Treasury/SSG. SSG will send payments and detailed information directly to the college.

SSG is working with MDE and Michigan higher education institutions to develop a smooth and effective process to accommodate this change.



Michigan Competitive Scholarship and ACT Scores

At the beginning of December, SSG will send each high school a listing of students who meet the merit eligibility criteria for a Michigan Competitive Scholarship (MCS) by having a qualifying ACT score. These students do not have a Social Security number (SSN) attached to their score. In order for our system to award a student, the student MUST have a SSN assigned to their record.

The federal government requires a SSN when submitting a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) application and our system matches the FAFSA record to the ACT record by the SSN.

If you do not keep SSN records on file, SSG will again provide you with a letter that you can give to each of your students. The letter asks them to call, fax, or mail (never in an e-mail) their SSN to our office.

Please remember we initially award ONLY those students who have submitted their FAFSA to the federal processor by March 1st of the senior year. As funds permit we may at a later date award students beyond that March 1st deadline.

For additional information, contact SSG at 1-888-4GRANTS (1-888-447-2687).

CONTACT SSG

We would like to send you newsletters on a quarterly basis. The newsletter will contain information on the following:

- Financial Aid Workshops
- Financial Aid Counseling Tools
- Financial Aid Deadlines
- Program Facts, etc.

Please forward your school email address to osg@michigan.gov (not your personal email) and we will add you to our email listserv for quarterly updates.

If any other staff members or colleagues would like to receive a copy of our newsletter, please contact:

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1-888-447-2687

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