



▶ High School Counselor Webcast, Postsecondary Handbook, Dual Enrollment, and SSG/MCAN Partnership.....2, 3



▶ Program News: MCS/MTG funding status, verification deadline, splits, and SAP .....4, 5



▶ Working with SSG: refund worksheet, calendar of events, compliance, and staff information .....6, 7

ISSUE 4 | November | 2012



# News from SSG



## Fall in full swing

*“Winter is an etching, spring a watercolor, summer an oil painting, and autumn a mosaic of them all.”*

*Stanley Horowitz*

# 2012 High School Counselor Webcast



### Paying for College Student Financial Aid

**2012 Host Sites**

- Adrian College
- Albion College
- Alpena Community College
- Baker College - Auburn Hills
- Baker College - Flint
- Baker College - Muskegon
- Bay de Noc Community College
- Central Michigan University
- Clarey University - Ann Arbor
- Delta College - Bay-Avenue BCC

### New for the 2013-14 Aid Year

Have verification requirements continue from 2012-13

- The state is rolling out the 2013-14 State Return process
- Additional 2013-14 verification rules
- State Return is currently "beta" and subject to change
- Helpful tip: Use the "Document" button
- State after hours for documents
- Helpful tip: Use the "Document" button
- State Return Process
- High School Counselor Return (Student or Student)
- Parent Return and Student Return (Student or Student)

### STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION

College Scholarship Program (CSP)	\$4,000,000
Michigan Community Scholarship (MCS)	\$2,000,000
Michigan State Grant (MSG)	\$1,000,000
Michigan State Grant (MSG)	\$1,000,000
Michigan State Grant (MSG)	\$1,000,000
Michigan State Grant (MSG)	\$1,000,000
Michigan State Grant (MSG)	\$1,000,000
Michigan State Grant (MSG)	\$1,000,000
Michigan State Grant (MSG)	\$1,000,000
Michigan State Grant (MSG)	\$1,000,000

### ETV Eligibility

- Foster youth or former foster youth
- Current or former Michigan state youth placed in an eligible child care placement under supervision of DCS
- MI 2012-2013: Must meet foster family criteria, include proof of income and assets, and complete a background check
- MI 2013-2014: MI youth or former high school senior, a MI high school senior, or a MI high school senior who is currently enrolled in a MI high school

### Saving for College in Michigan

Robin Lutz, Michigan Department of Treasury

### RESOURCES FOR YOUTH IN FOSTER CARE

### EduGuide Publications

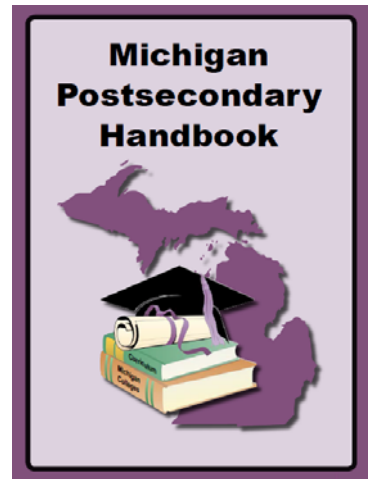
### Michigan College Access Network

**Mission:** To increase the college readiness, participation and completion in Michigan, particularly among low-income students, first generation college students, and students of color

On Friday, October 26, many partners came together to present information to high school counselors. Over 1,100 counselors gathered at your institutions across the state to watch the annual High School Counselor Webcast. Presentations covered federal and state financial aid programs, 529 savings plans, programs for foster care youth, and outreach initiatives by non-profit organizations EduGuide and MCAN.

To view the entire Webcast, log on at: [www.michigan.gov/ssg](http://www.michigan.gov/ssg)

# Michigan Postsecondary Handbook



The 2012-13 Michigan Postsecondary Handbook is available online at [www.michigan.gov/ssg](http://www.michigan.gov/ssg) under **planning for college**. The handbook is split by chapters; we recommend that if you choose to print chapters, do so using a duplex printer in order to maintain the format and save on paper.

If you want to look up your school, use the quick and easy drop down box. If the information about your school is not updated, please contact Patty Hill at 888-447-2687, extension 36051 or email her at [hillp@michigan.gov](mailto:hillp@michigan.gov).

## Dual Enrollment

Dual Enrollment Status Update: To date, three colleges have submitted billings to the Michigan Department of Education for private high school students dually enrolled. Treasury has processed these payments to your college.



## SSG and MCAN Partnerships

SSG is partnering with the Michigan College Access Network (MCAN) to increase student awareness of programs available to help them go to college. We are excited about this partnership and the many people we will reach using the Local College Access Networks (LCAN) and working with the young college graduates as they work as college advisors in high schools across the state.



MICHIGAN  
COLLEGE ACCESS NETWORK

# PROGRAM NEWS

## Funding Status



MCS maximum - \$ 575  
MTG maximum - \$1,512

To date, the Michigan Competitive Scholarship (MCS) program is over committed by \$800,000. The Michigan Tuition Grant (MTG) program is over committed by \$5 million. This is why it is critical that you accurately report the fall semester/term enrollment of your students.

It is vital that you reduce or de-obligate funds for students who are not full time or not attending term one. You can do this in two ways:

1. Go online and monitor individual student's awards.
2. Use the files sent to your DEG mailbox each Monday and complete column BI.

If you submit timely information and funds get back in good status, we may be able to make additional awards to students. The good news is that we are in better shape than we were at this time last year.

---

## Verification Deadline

According to the SSG payment schedule posted on our Web site, the scheduled verification deadline for MCS/MTG term one is **November 21, 2012**. However, due to the closures for the Thanksgiving holiday, you have until Monday, **November 26, 2012**, to submit your information. As term one is payable at 50%, it is critical that your institution submit data to ensure your payment of 50% of the aggregate owed.

# November 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20 <b>Verification Deadline</b>	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	



# PROGRAM NEWS

## Splits

Some of you have asked for a chart of the 3/4 and 1/2 time splits for MCS/MTG. They are as follows:

Michigan Competitive Scholarship		1 <sup>st</sup> Semester	2 <sup>nd</sup> Semester	1 <sup>st</sup> Term	2 <sup>nd</sup> Term	3 <sup>rd</sup> Term
Full Time	\$575	\$288	\$287	\$192	\$192	\$191
Three Quarter Time	\$431	\$216	\$215	\$144	\$144	\$143
Half Time	\$287	\$144	\$143	\$96	\$96	\$95

Michigan Tuition Grant		1 <sup>st</sup> Semester	2 <sup>nd</sup> Semester	1 <sup>st</sup> Term	2 <sup>nd</sup> Term	3 <sup>rd</sup> Term
Full Time	\$1,512	\$756	\$756	\$504	\$504	\$504
Three Quarter Time	\$1,134	\$567	\$567	\$378	\$378	\$378
Half Time	\$756	\$378	\$378	\$252	\$252	\$252

## Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP)



We have received several questions regarding the State's stand on SAP. This is due to the latest federal changes in the SAP policy. Because SAP is a directive regarding appeals and probation which require the institution to implement specific actions and outcomes to continue to receive aid beyond probation, the State's policy will align with the institution. The institution may continue to award State aid to such a student who is placed on probation for the next semester/term with specific conditions for achieving a certain outcome.

Your institution will determine that they are under probation with an opportunity to work toward returning to a reasonable percent of progress. The State's policy is to follow your SAP policy. However, the student must be in compliance with your standard **AND** have at least a 2.0 GPA for MCS.



# Working with SSG

## SSG State Programs Refund Worksheet

To simplify and make the refund process more uniform, SSG has developed a refund worksheet that is to be used for all state programs. This fillable form allows you to complete the necessary information and print a copy which can be mailed along with the appropriate documentations.

Michigan Department of Treasury  
SSG Refunds  
P.O. Box 30782  
Lansing, MI 48909  
Phone: 1-888-4-GRANTS  
(1-888-447-2687)  
Fax: 517-241-5835  
E-mail: OSG@michigan.gov  
www.michigan.gov/og

**Student Scholarships & Grants  
State Programs Refund Worksheet**

Make checks payable to:  
State of Michigan

USE ONE WORKSHEET PER PROGRAM per Academic Year

Children of Veterans Tuition Grant  GEAR UP Michigan Scholarship  GEAR UP College Day Scholarship  Tuition Incentive Program (TIP)  
 Michigan Competitive Scholarship  Michigan Tuition Grant

This form is to be completed by postsecondary institutions and returned to the Student Scholarships and Grants (SSG). Institutions must refund funds if students do not meet the enrollment standard, do not make satisfactory academic progress, do not meet program requirements, or do not meet program requirements. Form and check should be sent to the fund specific P.O. Box listed above.

College Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
Semester/Term and Date Semester/Term Begins: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Name	SSN xxx-xx-xxxx	Original Award Amount	Original Credits Billed	Corrected Tuition Amount	Corrected Fees Amount	Corrected Credits	Amount of Refund	Reason for Refund

## Calendar of Upcoming Events

- 11/15 - Deadline for TIP reimbursement requests
- 11/22-23 - Office closed for Thanksgiving
- 11/26 - Deadline for verification of MCS/MTG first term enrollment
- 11/28 - Payment for MCS/MTG (50% of aggregate owed)
- 11/30 - Payment for TIP (50% of aggregate owed)
- 12/21 - Deadline for STG reimbursement requests
- 12/24-25 - Office closed for Christmas
- 12/31 and 1/1 - Office closed for New Year



## Compliance

SSG is dedicated to ensuring that State programs are administered according to the law. We are equally concerned with assisting you to meet those regulations. For assistance with questions about SSG policies and procedures, contact our compliance coordinator, Nancy Vaughn at vaughnN@michigan.gov.



## Program Reviews

SSG regularly sends Bureau staff to audit/review compliance with state program administration.



# SSG Staff Information

If you have specific questions about one of our programs, call us toll-free at 1-888-4-GRANTS (1-888-447-2687) and one of our customer service representatives will assist you. Program coordinators and their numbers are listed below:

GEAR UP	Flora Boles	517-335-2882
CVTG	Kathy Welch	517-373-7120
TIP	Kathy Welch	517-373-7120
MCS/MTG	Marion Seelman	517-241-3106
MNS/TCLI	Nancy Vaughn	517-373-1871
STG	Carla Foltyn	517-335-1790
High School Services	Patty Hill	517-373-6051

Or contact:  
 Carla Foltyn, Deputy Director 517-335-1790  
 Anne Wohlfert, Director 517-373-0458  
 Stacy Cardwell, Executive Secretary 517-373-6074

**SSG: 1-888-447-2687 - Fax: 517-241-5835**

**SSG Web site: [www.michigan.gov/ssg](http://www.michigan.gov/ssg)**



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

**Stacy Cardwell**  
**[cardwells@michigan.gov](mailto:cardwells@michigan.gov)**  
**517-373-6074**

**SSG New Email Address**  
**[ssg@michigan.gov](mailto:ssg@michigan.gov)**

The information in this document was compiled by the Student Scholarships and Grants (SSG) Division/Bureau of State and Authority Finance/Michigan Department of Treasury. All data contained may be read, copied, or disclosed to enhance awareness of State programs administered by SSG; however, ownership is retained by SSG. Do not manipulate or modify the origin of this data.