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News from SSG



Spring is coming

“The sunshine, trees budding, and fragrant flowers puts a spring in my steps.”

PROGRAM NEWS

Michigan Competitive Scholarship



Verification of Grade Point Average (GPA)

We have been receiving a lot of questions regarding WHEN to verify GPA for the Michigan Competitive Scholarship. The answer is **annually at the end of the academic year.**

Administrative Rule, R 390.1571 (2) states that the GPA must be reviewed on an annual basis at the end of the academic year. *“The institution shall certify eligibility of renewal candidates and shall identify students who have not maintained satisfactory academic progress. Any recipient who has a cumulative academic average less than 2.0 or who does not maintain satisfactory academic progress, as reported by the institution of last attendance, is not eligible for a renewal award.”*

The review of GPA at year end is for the purpose of determining IF the student is eligible for a renewal of the award in the next academic year. So at the end of the 2012-13 academic year, you must review the GPA for all MCS recipients. Anyone who fails to have a cumulative GPA of 2.0 must be reported to SSG. This will make those students ineligible for a renewal award in the 2013-14 academic year. ***Remember we award for the full academic year.***

WHEN to Report GPA Problems

Our current MISO system cannot accommodate a report of those who fail to meet GPA requirements during a current academic year. It automatically cancels the current year award. If you have a student who has not maintained a cumulative GPA of 2.0 for 2012-13, **you must wait until the State opens the MISO system for 2013-14** before recording this. SSG will let you know when we are ready for the 2013-14 academic year. (See 2013-14 budgets in this newsletter). Once 2013-14 is open you can check the GPA box on the student detail screen or you can mark it on your first electronic file. Remember that only renewal students must be checked. You can identify freshman on your electronic file by checking their budget code of one in column AO. In the event an applicant raises his or her cumulative GPA to the required 2.0 level, based upon summer school work completed, he or she may be eligible for a full-year award provided all requirements are met and funds are available. Also, if the student raises their GPA in the fall of a new academic year, he or she may be eligible for a residual award for winter if funds are available.

Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP)

The State’s policy on SAP is to align with the institution. SAP should be reviewed according to your institutional policy.



PROGRAM NEWS

2013-14 Budgets



Below are the budgets that have been set as the State budgets for the Michigan Competitive Scholarship and Michigan Tuition Grant Programs. These rates reflect the Consumers Price Index increase of 1.6% for all items (BLS, February 21, 2013).

Student Scholarships and Grants
2013-14 State Budget
Michigan Competitive Scholarship and
Michigan Tuition Grant

Expense	Annual Amount	Semester Amount	Term Amount
Books and Personal	\$1,692	\$846	\$564
Travel <u>without</u> Dorms	\$1,470	\$735	\$490
Travel with Dorms	\$822	\$411	\$274
Room/Board <u>without</u> Dorms	\$4,128	\$2,064	\$1,376

TOTALS:

Books/Personal/Travel without Dorms = \$3,162
Books/Personal/Travel with Dorms = \$2,514
Room and Board without Dorms = \$4,128

Note: Institutions that report their own room and board costs must be able to verify that at least 10% of their enrollment resides in the institutions dorms.

Projected Awarding Time Line:



March 15 to April 1 - Colleges enter budgets into MISO

Note: Deadline is April 1. **Any colleges that do not have budgets in by the deadline will have the prior year budget entered and will not be able to use current budget for awarding.** If you need assistance with the entry of your budget figures or with access to the MISO system, please contact Marion Seelman at SeelmanM@michigan.gov or call 517-241-3106. **SSG loads FAFSAs - April 1 - April 15.**

April 15 - June 30 - SSG will process FAFSA edits

Note: This is your opportunity to check your students FAFSA records and make sure that they are enrolled at the correct school and that citizenship, residency, GPA, and SAP are in good order etc.

June 30 - Deadline for MTG FAFSAs

Note: Now SSG can take into account the total number of qualified applicants and use that data to set a maximum award amount for both MTG and MCS.

July 8 - TARGET AWARDING DATE For MCS/MTG

Remember that SSG does **NOT** send award letters to MCS and MTG students when we award them. Institutions must notify students of these awards by identifying them on their award letters.

PROGRAM NEWS

Children of Veterans Tuition Grant



Changes Coming Fall of 2013

This program requires that eligible students maintain a GPA of 2.25. Currently this is being verified each semester/term. Beginning with the fall of 2013, the GPA for CVTGT will be collected annually at the last billing cycle. This will determine if the student is eligible for a renewal of his/her scholarship in the next academic year. We are making this move to be consistent with the process used for MCS (explained at the beginning of this newsletter).

Also, beginning with the fall of 2013, the only fees that are allowed for CVTGT billings are Registration, Student Activity, and Technology. You will recognize these as the same limitations used in the Tuition Incentive Program (TIP).

The new CVTGT reimbursement form that reflects these changes will be available for use with the fall of 2013 billing cycle. New fields for the number of credits, tuition, fees by type, and total will be added to the form.



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 documentation.

Failure to send this form with your refund check can delay the process.

Michigan Department of Treasury
SSG Refunds
F.O. Box 30782
Lansing, MI 48909

Phone: 1-888-4-GRANTS
(1-888-447-2487)
Fax: 817-241-5838
E-mail: SSG@michigan.gov
www.michigan.gov/SSG

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 providers/institutions entering previously paid funds to the Student Scholarships and Grants (SSG). Institutions must first ensure that the student is eligible for the program and does not meet the requirements. Form should be submitted to SSG at the address above. Refund checks should be sent to the refund specific P.O. Box listed above.

Student Name	SSN	Original Award Amount	Original End Date	Current Award	Current End Date	Current Fees	Amount to Refund	Amount Paid	Amount to Refund
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Total

Authorized Signature: _____ Title: _____ Date: _____

Phone Number: _____ Fax Number: _____ E-mail Address: _____

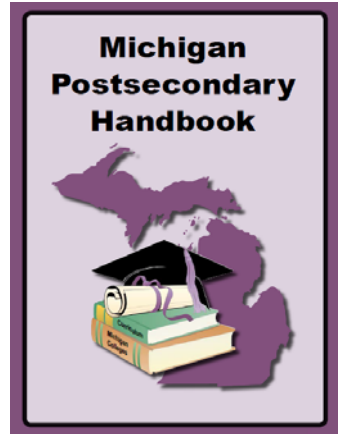
For office use only: Processed by: _____ Date Received: _____

PROGRAM NEWS

Michigan Postsecondary Handbook

The 2012-13 Michigan Postsecondary Handbook is available online at 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.



Program Reviews

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



SSG and MCAN Partnership

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.



Calendar



Calendar of Upcoming Events

- 4/29 - Michigan College Access Network (MCAN) Conference, Kellogg Center, Michigan State University
- 6/26-29 - Michigan Student Financial Aid Association, Shanty Creek Resort



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:

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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

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

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