



### **MI Student Aid**

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## *Information on Financial Aid and College Access*



Three winners were randomly chosen in [MI Student Aid](#) and [Sallie Mae's #MiFutureSoBright](#) contest. Congratulations to Blake Geschke, Kelsey White, and Annette Broxton who each won a \$500 American Express gift card! The #MiFutureSoBright contest was created to encourage eligible contestants to post a selfie of themselves with the #MiFutureSoBright hashtag, which represents the bright futures Michigan students have ahead of them. MI Student Aid and Sallie Mae would like to thank everyone who participated. All photos submitted by participants can be seen at [Facebook.com/mistudentaid](https://www.facebook.com/mistudentaid) on the original contest post. More information about the winners can be seen below.

### **Annette Broxton**



Annette Broxton is a 66 year old resident of Kentwood, MI; however, originally from Georgia, where she earned a degree in political science from the University of Georgia. She is now retired after spending many years working for the National Guard, where she was responsible for keeping up on personnel, medical, and financial records. Annette is the proud grandmother of Haley Anton, who plans on attending Grand Rapids Community College in the Fall to study nursing. Annette plans on using her prize at IKEA to help her granddaughter with furnishing her bedroom as she prepares for college. Congratulations, Annette!

### **Blake Geschke**



Blake Geschke, a 25 year old graduate of Paw Paw High School, resides in Grand Rapids, MI, where he currently attends Grand Valley State University (GVSU) in the Physician Assistant Graduate program. Before entering graduate school at GVSU, he earned a Bachelor's degree in Exercise Science at Central Michigan University while minoring in Psychology and Leadership. Blake plans on using his prize towards his new apartment; particularly on new furniture and decorations. Congratulations, Blake!

### **Kelsey White**



Kelsey White, a 26 year old graduate of Stockbridge High School, resides in Stockbridge, MI, while studying Aviation Maintenance at Lansing Community College. Kelsey plans on using her prize toward educational expenses to help minimize loan debt. Congratulations, Kelsey!

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## **Register Today! MI Student Aid Webinar Series - June Edition**

Saving for college has become the #1 financial goal for families with young children. Learn how you can take advantage of Michigan's different college savings programs by registering for the June edition of the MI Student Aid Webinar Series featuring Michigan Education Trust (MET). The webinar will take place on Thursday, June 16 at 2:00 p.m. EDT.

[Register Today!](#)



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## **Detroit to Recieve FAFSA Completion Challenge Grant**

The [National College Access Network](#) (NCAN) recently announced that Detroit is one of 22 U.S. cities selected to receive a FAFSA Completion Challenge Grant. The grant is a collaboration among many organizations including [Detroit College Access Network](#) and Excellent Schools Detroit.

The project is supported through a \$1.6 million grant from The Kresge Foundation, and challenges the 22 cities to increase FAFSA completion rates by at least five percent for the graduating high school class of 2017.

The 22 cities were selected through a review process with the assistance of a distinguished advisory committee. [Learn more about the FAFSA Completion Challenge Grant.](#)

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## Summer Checklist for Students

What's on your bucket-list this summer? Whether you're planning an epic road trip, or staying at home with a summer job to earn some money, it's important to also remember your to-do list as you plan for college. Here are some important reminders for both high school and college students:

### High School Student Summer Checklist:

- Narrow down the list of colleges you are considering attending. To aid in this process, visit the schools that interest you if possible.
- Narrow down that list even further by contacting colleges to request information as well as applications for admissions. Ask college representatives about financial aid, admission requirements and important deadlines. Use all available resources: Check out school websites, make phone calls and even talk to people you know who have gone to a school that you're considering.
- Use the [FAFSA4caster Financial Aid Estimator](#) and compare the results to actual costs at the colleges to which you will apply.
- Apply for scholarships and get involved in your community! A lot of scholarships highly value community service as a part of their eligibility requirements.
- If you have any questions along the way, please contact MI Student Aid by emailing [mistudentaid@michigan.gov](mailto:mistudentaid@michigan.gov).

### College Student Summer Checklist:

- Review your financial aid award letter and follow up with your financial aid office if additional information is required.
  - Register for classes and meet with an academic adviser if you need help. Look up potential professors online to see if they (and their class) would be a good fit.
  - Pay attention to tuition billing statements, and be sure to make your payment prior to the deadline. Late fees are no joke!
  - Set a budget for the school year. Discuss with your family if you're going to get any money from home, and look at jobs on campus if you don't already have one.
  - Apply for scholarships and get involved in your community! Look for specific scholarships through your institution that are for your degree program.
  - If you have any questions, please contact MI Student Aid by emailing [mistudentaid@michigan.gov](mailto:mistudentaid@michigan.gov).
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## Register NOW for the 2016 High School Counselor Workshop



High School Counselors, College Access Partners, and Financial Aid Administrators, [registration is now available](#) for the 2016 Michigan High School Counselor Workshop, set for **Friday, October 28, 2016**. There will be 40 host site locations around the state. The theme of the 2016 workshop is, **MI Student Aid "Helping Make College Accessible, Affordable, & Achievable!"**

### *Don't miss out on these hot topics:*

MiSSG Web Portal

2017-18 FAFSA Changes (including prior-prior year)

Special Populations

Federal/State Grants/Scholarships

Student Loans

College Access Resources and more!

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### **2016 Fostering Futures Scholarship Charitable Events:**

Help make dreams a reality with the following upcoming Fostering Futures Scholarship charitable events. Donations help provide scholarships to students who have experienced foster care who are enrolled at Michigan colleges and universities. [Make a donation or reserve your ticket today!](#)

#### **Grand Rapids**

Frederik Meijer Gardens and Sculpture Park  
Thursday, June 23, 2016  
6:00pm - 10:00pm

#### **Pizza Party Fundraiser on the Capitol Lawn**

Thursday, August 11, 2016  
11:00am - 2:00pm

#### **Detroit**

Joe Louis Arena  
Thursday, September 22, 2016  
6:00pm - 10:00pm

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