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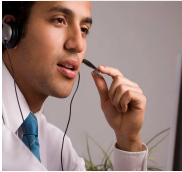
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State of Michigan 2012-13 Budget News

Governor Rick Snyder presented his budget proposal on Thursday, February 9, 2012. For complete details on the Executive budget, visit www.michigan.gov/budget and click on Executive Budget. Details on the Grants and Financial Aid budget are on page two.



Program News

For the **Michigan Competitive Scholarship (MCS)** and the **Michigan Tuition Grant (MTG)**, verification of second semester/term enrollment **must** be submitted by **Wednesday, February 15th**.

The MTG fund is currently \$5 million overcommitted. It is vital that you verify enrollments and de-obligate any funds that you are not

using. OSG is required to report the fund status to the legislature and to reduce awards if there is an overcommitment. We do **NOT** want to reduce your students' awards. **Please send in your verifications today!**



Tuition Incentive Program (TIP)

February 15th is also the deadline for submission of second semester/term reimbursement forms. OSG recently mailed one of two letters to more than 262,000 TIP eligible students. One of the letters was sent to seniors; their letter includes the words "College Payment Authorization" to help students realize to get this letter to your office. A copy of the letter is attached for your information.

Children of Veterans (CVTG)

February 15th is also the deadline for submission of second semester/term reimbursement forms. The reimbursement form is available on our Web site at www.michigan.gov/osg under Forms/Documents. For more information, contact Kathy Welch at 888-447-2687, extension 37120.

Proposed Budget for Academic Year 2012-13



OSG will administer 11 programs for students pursuing higher education. Total funding for FY 2012-13 is **\$98,226,400**. The GEAR UP funding increased to cover both the GEAR UP Michigan and the GEAR UP College Day programs.

ACCOUNTABILITY REQUIREMENTS

Many aspects of the Governor's budget include additional reporting requirements. For greater transparency, private colleges and universities will be asked to comply with best practices to remain eligible to receive Tuition Grant (TG) funding. These requirements include:

- Reporting P20 longitudinal data to the Center for Educational Performance and Information (CEPI).
- Reporting the number of students that received a TG and completed a program.
- Reporting the number of students that received a TG and required remedial education.
- Reporting the number of students that received a Pell Grant and completed a program.

Program	FY12	FY13
MCS	\$18,361,700	\$20,361,700
MTG	31,664,700	\$30,664,700
TIP	43,800,000	\$42,800,000
CVTG and STG	1,200,000	\$1,200,000
Byrd Scholarship	207,753	-0-
GEAR UP (2)	1,500,000	\$3,200,000
TOTAL	\$96,734,153	\$98,226,400

The independent college or university must report in a form and manner as directed by the Department of Treasury by August 31st of each year.

The legislature must approve a final budget.

MI-GEAR UP

The Workforce Development Agency/King-Chavez-Parks Initiative has received a \$23.5 Million grant through the U.S. Department of Education, Gaining Early Awareness & Readiness for Undergraduate Programs (GEAR UP). This is the third GEAR UP grant and the title is **MI-GEAR UP**. The grant will be a little more than \$3 Million during the first budget year and provide funding over seven years. This is the third GEAR UP grant received.

MI GEAR UP program goals are to:

- Educate GEAR UP students and families on the importance and accessibility of a college education.
- Provide academic support and guidance to make college enrollment and retention achievable.
- Increase student and family capacity to make college affordable, allowing students to enter the collegiate process and leverage financial options.

A limited number of educational awards will be made to MI-GEAR UP students. Unlike scholarships, the number of educational awards will be limited. OSG and the Michigan Education Trust (MET) will partner with MI-GEAR UP to offer awards to qualified students. The amount allotted for educational awards has been set at **\$2.3M**. OSG will administer the bulk of the awards which will be available for students in the 2017-18 academic year. MET awards will encourage students and families to save for college by serving as initial "seed money" for college to which the student and the student's family may contribute.



College Goal Sunday

EduGuide in partnership with MSFAA will kick off the 2012 **College Goal Sunday on February 12, 2012, from 2-4 p.m.** Almost two hundred volunteers have registered to assist at 37 sites across the state. Mapping Your Future will help provide the training along with the presenter, Andrea Cross, from St. Joseph's College. Training webinar sessions were offered on Tuesday, January 17, 2012, and on Wednesday, January 25, 2012. For more information, check out the following Web site at <http://micollegegoal.org/Volunteers/Home.aspx>.

OSG 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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MCS/MTG	Marion Seelman	517-241-3106		
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