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Michigan Competitive Scholarship (MCS)

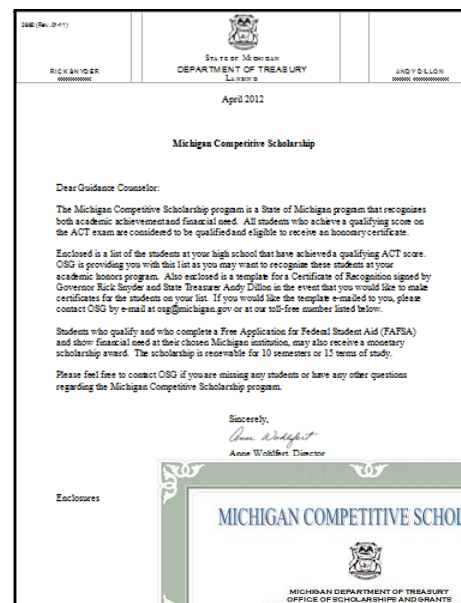
The MCS Program has been available for Michigan students since 1964. Awards are given to students who have both academic merit and financial need.

In mid-April OSG will send a roster to each high school containing the list of students who qualify for a MCS award based on their ACT score. Students must have a total score of **90** which is the sum of the scores from math, reading, writing and science.

All students who score well deserve recognition for their academic achievement. An honorary certificate of achievement signed by Governor Rick Snyder and State Treasurer Andy Dillon is available. *(As a reminder, please discard any certificates with Jennifer Granholm/Robert Kleine's signature.)*

Many of you use these certificates at your spring academic honors ceremonies. If you wish to have the template, email us at osg@michigan.gov and we will send it to you.

Students who have a qualifying score AND show financial need may receive a monetary scholarship.





Tuition Incentive Program (TIP)

Do Not Use!

Please note that the State of Michigan no longer uses the colorful brochure postcards as seen here.

Many years ago postcards were given to students as an application for TIP. They included the students' name, address, date of birth, and Social Security number. Because these postcards exposed confidential information, they are a **high security risk!** If you have a supply of these at your school, PLEASE DESTROY THEM.

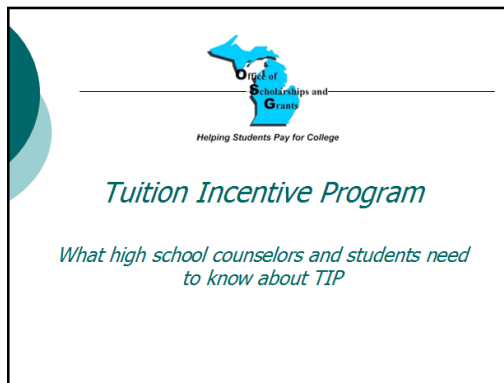
The new form for January 2013 is designed to make it easier for students to follow the simple steps to submit their application. These are mailed to students in security tint envelopes to protect confidential information.

Use This!



NEW HELP FOR COUNSELORS

OSG now has a PowerPoint presentation on the Tuition Incentive Program (TIP). If you would like a copy, please email us at osg@michigan.gov.





Federal Robert C. Byrd Scholarship Ends

The scholarship was established to promote student excellence and achievement and to recognize exceptional students who show promise of continued excellence. Since the late 1980s, the State of Michigan had administered this federal program, but in June 2011 we notified all high school counselors that the program was eliminated by Congress. No new awards were made to the Class of 2011.



Some publications and Web sites may still contain information about the program. However, there will be no awards for the Class of 2012.

We recently received an application from a high school who nominated a Class of 2012 student. The school had taken an old nomination form and changed all of the dates to say "2012-13." *Please be aware that it is unlawful to forge changes to a State of Michigan form.*

We will miss working with you and your excellent students on the Byrd scholarship.

CONTACT OSG

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.

You can always contact us toll-free at:

1-888-447-2687

Or send an email to

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