



## MI College Goal Event Coming in February

Students and families looking for assistance with completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) are encouraged to attend MI College Goal. MI College Goal is a statewide FAFSA completion initiative led by EduGuide which will take place at several host sites throughout Michigan. Financial aid professionals will be volunteering at every site to guide students and families through the application.

The primary date for MI College Goal is **Sunday February 8, 2015**; however, **some sites have selected a different date and time for their College Goal Event**. Please visit [www.micollegegoal.org](http://www.micollegegoal.org) and check the "Locations" tab to see the date and time of the location nearest you!

## Student Financial Services Bureau Webinar Series

Families need the right tools to plan and pay for college. We are pleased to partner with Sallie Mae® to make their college planning tools, calculators, and other resources available to Michigan students and families.

These resources can help families navigate their way through every phase of saving, planning and paying for college. Visit [www.SallieMae.com/MichiganPlans](http://www.SallieMae.com/MichiganPlans) to learn more about the resources available from Sallie Mae.

To further address the needs of the Michigan families, the Student Financial Services Bureau, within the Michigan Department of Treasury, and Sallie Mae will host a free 30-minute webinar on "Planning for College Strategies" on **Wednesday**,

### SSG e-Newsletter

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### Fostering Futures Scholarship (FFS)

With the retirement of Patty Hill, Pat Fromm has taken on the responsibilities of FFS. The application can be found at [www.fosteringfutures-mi.com](http://www.fosteringfutures-mi.com) and the deadline date for submission has been extended to January 31st. Questions regarding the scholarship can be sent to Pat at [FrommP@michigan.gov](mailto:FrommP@michigan.gov).

### High School Counselors: Michigan Competitive Scholarship (MCS)

If your high school received a roster in December of eligible seniors missing their Social Security numbers, please remember that the deadline date for returning the roster is January 31st. In order to match student SSN's to corresponding ACT data, SSG must have the SSN.

### Tuition Incentive Program (TIP)

College Authorization letters will be sent to all TIP eligible seniors the week of January 12th. If you're a TIP student from the class of 2015 and do not receive the letter, contact our office toll-free at 1-888-4-GRANTS (1-888-447-2687).

**January 21, 2015, at 2:00 p.m. EST.**

We hope you can join us.

**[Register Today!](#)**

Our February webinar is in partnership with Inceptia. Mark your calendars for **Wednesday, February 25th at 1:00 p.m. EST**. This webinar will feature information about Inceptia's online financial education program, Financial Avenue. Financial Avenue helps students gain important knowledge about the basics of personal money management through online courses and mini-modules with proven learning objectives, videos, articles, and resources. Hear how high schools, educators, and students can win cash prizes for participating in the Financial Avenue Challenge. Registration is available at <http://tinyurl.com/ludl6sf>.

## **Financial Aid Professional: Michigan Student Financial Aid Association (MSFAA) Winter Training**

Student Scholarships and Grants (SSG) staff will be presenting at two sessions at the MSFAA Winter Training. The first session will be a demonstration of the new MiSSG Web-based system, which will guide financial aid professionals through the new system that is being developed for SSG.

The look, feel, and functionality of the newly developed system will be presented with an emphasis on how to track/monitor student award data, inquire about eligibility, report enrollment certification, and process quarterly payments. The second session is an overview of SSG programs and billing information. This session is for financial aid and business office professionals interested in learning about the detailed steps of program billing requirements and payments. If you have not registered yet for the MSFAA Winter Training you can do so at [www.msfaa.org](http://www.msfaa.org). We look forward to seeing you there!

### **Michigan Economic Development Corporation- Michigan Advanced Technician Training Informational Webinars**

Our partners at the Michigan Economic Development Corporation are hosting several MAT2 Michigan Advanced Technician Training informational webinars. Learn more about MAT2 and how this award-winning training program could help you gain the high tech skills you need to succeed. Visit <http://www.mitalent.org/mat2/> and click on "Calendar of Events."

### **Copies of the Michigan Postsecondary Handbook Available**

SSG has mailed copies of the Michigan Postsecondary Handbook to all high schools in Michigan. Additional copies of the handbook are still available, upon request.

This comprehensive resource provides information for a variety of professionals working with secondary and postsecondary education. The handbook contains up-to-date information about institutional program offerings, admissions requirements, general campus information, and application procedures for each college/university in Michigan. If you would like additional copies, please contact Shannon Price at [PriceS4@michigan.gov](mailto:PriceS4@michigan.gov).