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Michigan College Application Week (October 26 - 30, 2015)

The common goal of College Application Week is to provide every graduating senior an opportunity to apply to college!

The purpose of this event is to help high school seniors navigate the college admissions process and ensure each participating student submits at least one admissions application.

To find out if your school is participating, click [here](#).



SAT Information, and WHY you Need to Take the Test!

The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) has announced that it will transition to using the SAT as part of the Michigan Merit Examination (MME). The SAT is accepted at **all Michigan universities** and is already a familiar test to many in the state. The test keeps pace with what colleges are looking for today, focusing on the few durable things that evidence shows matter most for college and career readiness and success. And it reflects what Michigan students are already learning in their classrooms.



Starting with the class of 2017, Student Scholarships and Grants (SSG) will only accept SAT scores to be considered for the Michigan Competitive Scholarship (MCS). Students who take the MME will also be taking the SAT (there will not be an option to opt out of taking the SAT). Additional information will be shared once it becomes available (including the equivalent SAT score required to be considered for the MCS).

The Michigan SAT test day is April 12, 2016. Click [here](#) for more information.

FAFSA Changes for 2017-18



Starting with the 2017–18 Free Application for Federal Student Aid ([FAFSA](#)), the application will be available earlier and will request earlier income information.

Submit a FAFSA Earlier: Students will be able to file a 2017–18 FAFSA as early as Oct. 1, 2016, rather than beginning on Jan. 1, 2017. The earlier submission date will be a permanent change, enabling students to complete and submit a FAFSA as early as October 1 every year. (There is NO CHANGE to the 2016–17 schedule, when the FAFSA will become available January 1 as in previous years.)

Use Earlier Income Information: Beginning with the 2017–18 FAFSA, students will report income information from an earlier tax year. For example, on the 2017–18 FAFSA, students (and parents, as appropriate) will report their 2015 income information, rather than their 2016 income information.

For more information, please review the [FAFSA Changes Fact Sheet for 2017-18](#).

Michigan Education Trust/Michigan Education Savings Plan (MET/MESP)



MET Enrollment is currently closed!

MET is currently in a period of non-enrollment. The next enrollment period is tentatively scheduled to begin December 10, 2015.

"MET has been beneficial in many different ways. Most importantly, it is comforting to know my tuition is set. I can focus my energy on my studies and the plans I have to own my own business."

Anna Packard, Beneficiary
Cleary University

College Fair Checklist

Before You Go

- Find out which colleges will be at the fair (a list may be posted on the fair's Web site) and write down the names of the ones you want to learn about.
- Make a list of any questions you have.
- Bring your list, a pen, paper and a bag to hold college brochures.
- Make sure the email address that you give out won't embarrass you — remember, college admission officers will see it.



While You're There

- Get a map of the fair and plan a route that will take you to the booths of all the colleges on your list. If there is no map available, do a quick survey of the room to locate your colleges.
- Visit booths and ask college representatives questions. For example, you can ask, "What kind of students are you looking for?" or "What makes your campus special?"
- Take a minute to jot down any information you think is important before moving on to the next booth.
- Check out some of the other booths when you're done with the colleges on your list. You may stumble onto a great college you hadn't considered.
- Attend an information session, if any are offered. Typical topics include applications and financial aid. These sessions are good opportunities to get expert advice.

When You Get Home

- Ask yourself which colleges stood out and why.
- Organize the college material you collected and review it that week while it's fresh in your mind.
- Go over any notes you took during the fair.
- Discard the pamphlets of colleges you've ruled out so you can focus on the colleges you're interested in.
- Do more research on the colleges you're thinking about. Explore Web sites, contact the admissions office, or plan a campus visit. If you liked what you saw at the fair, it may be time to see the college in person.

**Source: Big Future by the College Board*

2015 High School Counselor Workshop

Thank you to everyone who registered for the 2015 High School Counselor Workshop scheduled for October 23, 2015. Registration is now closed. If you are a college access professional and did not get the opportunity to register, you are still welcome to attend a [host site](#) to view the workshop; however, you are not guaranteed an informational packet/materials. A recorded version of the workshop will be available at www.michigan.gov/ssg in November.

Upcoming Events



If you are interesting in having a SFSB presentation, please complete the [Presentation Request Form](#).

Check out the [SFSB events](#) calendar to see where our representatives will be. If you have questions about these events (including times, specific locations, topics covered, etc.) please contact Shannon
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