

*“In this day and time you can’t do it all yourself, you have to form alliances to put the pieces together.”*



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## TUITION INCENTIVE PROGRAM (TIP)



### Myth

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### Fact

TIP is only for foster kids.	Any student who was Medicaid eligible for 24 months within a 36–consecutive month period could be eligible for TIP. Months begin as early as the 36 months prior to the student’s 12th birthday.
TIP will pay for all college expenses.	<b>Phase I TIP</b> covers the cost of tuition and mandatory fees up to 24 credit hours in any academic year. Allowable mandatory fees are registration, technology, and student activity fees up to a maximum of \$250 per semester. TIP <b>does not</b> cover the cost of books, lab, parking, or specific course fees, housing, or meal expenses. <b>Phase II TIP</b> covers up to \$500 per semester or \$400 per term, for a total of \$2,000.
I met the Medicaid requirements, but now my family’s income status has changed so am I still eligible for TIP?	Yes. Once a student meets the Medicaid requirements and <b>completes the TIP application prior to high school graduation</b> , he/she will be eligible for TIP even if the family income changes.
I can use TIP at any college in Michigan.	TIP can be used at any degree-granting, non-profit college in Michigan and at Focus: HOPE. Institutions <b>NOT</b> eligible for TIP are for-profit, trade schools, and/or proprietary colleges.
A certificate of completion from high school is not acceptable as proof of high school graduation for TIP.	A student can verify high school graduation with a diploma, a certificate of completion, or a GED.
A student must use TIP immediately after high school graduation.	A student has four years from the date of high school graduation to begin using TIP. If the student has not initiated college enrollment within the first four years, they are no longer eligible.

## PROGRAM NEWS

SSG administers seven programs for the 2013-14 academic year to help students go to college.

The following programs are available for Michigan students:

- Michigan Competitive Scholarship (MCS)
- Michigan Tuition Grant (MTG)
- Tuition Incentive Program (TIP)
- Children of Veterans Tuition Grant (CVTG)
- Police Officer's and Fire Fighter's Survivor Tuition Grant (STG)
- GEAR UP Michigan! and GEAR UP College Day

For more information on these programs, visit our Web site at [www.michigan.gov/ssg](http://www.michigan.gov/ssg).



### Opportunity to join SSG

#### Coordinator of Outreach Activities

The State of Michigan's Student Scholarships and Grants (SSG) division is seeking a motivated individual to join the SSG team as a Coordinator of Outreach activities. This person will be responsible for statewide efforts to promote the Tuition Incentive Program (TIP) as well as to share financial literacy information targeting high school and college students, counselors, and families. This is a full-time permanent position with the State and offers excellent pay and benefits. To view the job posting visiting the State Web site listed below and look for job #2701-13-17-21. Search by department of **Treasury** for the position entitled: Departmental Analyst 9-P11 – Student Scholarships and Grants. **The deadline for applications is May 14th.**

<http://agency.governmentjobs.com/michigan/default.cfm>



### High School Counselor Webinar Series

The first in a series of Webinars leading up to the 2013 High School Counselor Webcast was recorded during Money Smart Week in April. It's a short introduction on financial literacy. The Webinar titled "What is Financial Literacy? Why is it important for your students?" explains what the basic concepts of financial literacy are. Listen to the short recording for information on where to go to find detailed information on free programs and services available for all citizens. See **Financial Literacy** under News & Highlights on our homepage at [www.michigan.gov/ssg](http://www.michigan.gov/ssg).

The next Webinar will be held on May 29, 2013. This Webinar will cover the subject of "special populations," e.g., unaccompanied, undocumented, homeless youth, and youth in foster care. This will be an interactive Webinar which will allow you to call in with questions.

The Webinar series will also be available on our Web site under *Planning for College/Financial Literacy/Webinars* or *Interactive Resources*.

For questions regarding these Webinars, please contact Patty Hill at 517-373-6051 or [hillp@michigan.gov](mailto:hillp@michigan.gov).



## Financial Literacy



### New Initiative

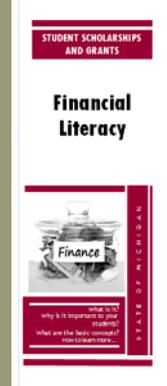
SSG is becoming more involved with *financial literacy*, particularly for high school students and first and second year college students. SSG will be working with multiple partners, including new ones:

- Michigan Jumpstart Coalition
- Inceptia
- National Endowment for Financial Education (NEFE)

Download our introductory brochure for a basic overview of this topic from our Web site.

For many years our sister division, **Michigan Guaranty Agency**, has developed and promoted various financial literacy resources, along with information on *student success*. Resource information is still available on MGA's Web site at [www.mgaloan.com](http://www.mgaloan.com). Should you have questions on loan defaults, contact MGA's Customer Service at 1-800-642-5626.

*More information on financial literacy will be coming soon.*



## Michigan College Access Network and Local College Area Network

SSG is partnering with the Michigan College Access Network (MCAN) to increase student awareness of programs available to help them go to college. We are excited about this partnership and the many people we will reach using the Local College Access Networks (LCAN) and working with the young college graduates as they work as college advisors in high schools across the state.

For information on the LCAN in your area, contact:

MCAN

517-316-1713

[www.micollegeaccess.org](http://www.micollegeaccess.org)

## Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) (20 U.S.C. § 1232g; 34 CFR Part 99)

The FERPA law gives students access to their education records, an opportunity to seek to have the records amended, and some control over the disclosure of information from the records. With several exceptions, schools must have a student's consent prior to the disclosure of education records after that student is 18 years old. The law only applies to educational agencies and institutions that receive funding under a program administered by the U.S. Department of Education.

Examples of situations affected by FERPA include school employees divulging information to anyone other than the student about the student's grades or behavior and school work posted on a bulletin board with a grade. Generally, schools must have written permission from the parent or eligible student in order to release any information from a student's education record.

However, FERPA allows schools to disclose those records, without consent, to the following parties or under the following conditions (34 CFR § 99.31):

- Other schools to which a student is transferring;
  - Specified officials for audit or evaluation purposes;
  - Appropriate parties in connection with financial aid to a student;
  - Organizations conducting certain studies for or on behalf of the school;
  - Accrediting organizations;
  - To comply with a judicial order or lawfully issued subpoena;
  - Appropriate officials in cases of health and safety emergencies; and
  - State and local authorities, within a juvenile justice system, pursuant to specific State law.
- School officials with legitimate educational interest;

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## To be added to the list:

If any other staff members or colleagues would like to receive a copy of our newsletter, please contact:

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## Upcoming Events—May thru July 2013

- 5/14/13 - Deadline to apply for Outreach position
  - 5/29/13 - Webinar for Special Populations
  - 5/27/13 - Office closed - Memorial Day Holiday
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- 6/19-20/13 - Michigan Teen Conference, Ferris State University
  - 6/26-29/13 - Michigan Student Financial Aid Association Summer Conference, Shanty Creek
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- 7/4/13 - Office closed - July 4th Holiday
  - 7/14-17/13 - National GEAR UP Conference, San Francisco, CA



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