

Resources Available to Youth Pursuing College

Ever wonder how you were going to pay for college, or who can afford to go to college? This fact sheet will answer those questions and direct you to the right places for more information.

College is affordable and available to YOU!

- ✓ All students must complete the **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)**. Students can access online at <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov> or by calling the Federal Student Aid Information Center at 1-800-4-FED-AID. The deadline for the application is March 1st. In order to receive loan money, the Pell grant for low-income students or other aid, the student **MUST** complete the FAFSA.
- ✓ The **Tuition Incentive Program (TIP)** helps pay for tuition and fees. Contact 1-888-4GRANTS for eligibility requirements.
- ✓ **Education and Training Vouchers (ETV)** up to \$5,000 towards school-related costs and living fees. It is for youth that were in foster care after the age of 14. Contact Lutheran Social Services of Michigan for eligibility requirements at (877)-660-METV or visit the website at www.mietv.lssm.org.
- ✓ **Youth in Transition (YIT)** is another funding source that can provide financial support. If the youth still has unmet needs, the YIT fund source is available until the youth turns 21 years old. Please apply at your local DHS office.
- ✓ **Casey Family Scholars Program** provides scholarships of up to \$6,000 per academic year for young people who spent at least 12 months in foster care prior to their 18th birthday; OR have been adopted or placed into legal guardianship from foster care after their 16th birthday; OR they must have been orphaned for at least one year at the time of their 18th birthday. Check the Foster Care to Success website at www.fc2success.org.
- ✓ **Michigan Indian Tuition Waiver** pays tuition for students who are at least ¼ American Indian. Youth apply directly to the financial aid office. The Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan approves this award. Contact Melissa Claramunt at (231) 439-5247.
- ✓ **Aquinas College** offers a Fostering Success Scholarship which ensures that total assistance from scholarships and grants will cover tuition, room, board, and book costs. For more information, visit http://www.aquinas.edu/undergraduate/foster_scholarship.html.
- ✓ **Ferris State University** offers up to \$4000 per year with the Ferris Orphan and Youth Initiative (FOFYI) Scholarship. The scholarship must be applied towards any direct cost at Ferris. For more information, please visit <http://www.ferris.edu/HTMLS/administration/president/DiversityOffice/fofyi/scholarshipinformation.htm>.
- ✓ **Harvard University** announced that from now on undergraduate students from low-income families will pay no tuition. If you know of a family earning less than \$65,000 a year with an honor student graduating from high school soon, Harvard University wants to pay the tuition. For more information, please visit <http://isites.harvard.edu/icb/icb.do?keyword=k51861&pageid=icb.page246751&pageContentId=icb.pagecontent485705&state=maximize>.
- ✓ **Lansing Community College** offers the Theresa and Frederick Junger Scholarship for students who were in foster care. For more information contact Susan Fisher at 517-483-1987.

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- ✓ **Macomb Community College** now has a Youth in Transition Scholarship Program for all youth interested in attending Macomb Community College for FREE. For more information, visit <https://mietv.lssm.org/forms/Youth%20in%20Transition%20FINALpdf.pdf>.
- ✓ **Michigan State University** offers the Jim and June Grant Expandable Foster Care Scholarship Fund. Scholarships are awarded to recipients having been a client during childhood of the State of Michigan's Department of Human Services Child Foster Care System and enrolled in at MSU. For more information and to apply, contact the Office of Financial Aid at 517-353-5940 or https://scholendow2.ais.msu.edu/student/ScholDetail.asp?Schol_ID=2983.
- ✓ **Michigan State University** in East Lansing has a scholarship program, currently offering one scholarship per year, for youth exiting foster care. Contact Dr. Gary Anderson at 517-335-7515 or by email at ander664@msu.edu.
- ✓ **The University of Michigan** offers the Paul and Amy Blavin Scholarship to students that were in foster care. Contact the office of financial aid for eligibility information and application materials: (734)-763-6600 or <http://www.finaid.umich.edu/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=rTgXymr0das%3D&tabid=101>.
- ✓ The **University of Michigan** offers a **Child Care Subsidy Program** to students with dependent children. Contact the office of financial aid for eligibility information and application materials at (734) 763-6600.
- ✓ **Western Michigan University** now has the Foster Youth and Higher Education Initiative, which includes the John Seita scholarship. This scholarship offers paid tuition for youth that were in foster care. For more information, visit <http://www.wmich.edu/fyit/About/scholarship.html>.

EXCITING NEWS: The following schools now have Independent Living Skills Coaches on campus:

- **Baker College of Flint** <http://www.baker.edu/campus/flint/>
- **Eastern Michigan University** <http://www.emich.edu/>
- **Ferris State University** <http://www.ferris.edu/>
- **Michigan State University** <http://www.msu.edu/>
- **Saginaw Valley State University** <http://www.svsu.edu/>
- **University of Michigan-Flint** <http://www.umflint.edu/>
- **Wayne State University** <http://wayne.edu/>

Other Websites to Checkout!

Foster Care

<http://michigan.gov/fyit/>
<http://fosteringsuccessmichigan.com/>
<http://www.fc2success.org/>
<http://www.casey.org/>
<http://www.nrcys.ou.edu>
<http://www.maeo.org>
www.saveourchildrencoalition.org
<http://rising-tides.org/>
<http://www.finaid.msu.edu/fyas/AppMain.asp>

General Financial Aid

<http://www.michigan.gov/mistudentaid>
<http://www.imagine-america.org>
<http://www.fastweb.com/>
<http://www.collegeanswer.com>
<http://www.gmsp.org>
<http://www.micollegeaccess.org/>

Schools in Michigan

Michigan Public Educational Institutions:
http://www.michigan.gov/mistudentaid/0,4636,7-128-60969_61035---,00.html
Michigan Private Educational Institutions:
http://www.michigan.gov/mistudentaid/0,4636,7-128-60969_61036---,00.html
Trade, Occupation, or Vocational Schools:
<http://www.michiganps.net/>