

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 Samaritas for eligibility requirements at (877)-660-METV or visit the website at mietv.samaritas.org.
- ✓ **Fostering Futures Scholarship** is a State of Michigan program that provides scholarships to young adults who have experienced foster care. The FFS is available on a first-come, first-served basis. The maximum award amount is determined annually by SSG. Funding amounts vary based on need and any other financial aid the student is receiving. Awards pay a maximum of \$3,000 per academic year. All future awards are subject to approved and available funding. www.fosteringfutures-mi.com
- ✓ **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 note that YIT is unable to pay for educational expenses and college specific costs. It can, however, pay for certain approved expenses while in college. For questions or to apply contact 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.
- ✓ **The Detroit Scholarship Fund** is administered by the Detroit Regional Chamber and ensures that any student graduating in the spring of 2016 from a high school in the city of Detroit will have free tuition to gain an associate degree or technical certificate at any one of participating community colleges. Applicants must be Detroit residents and must have attended a Detroit high school for at least 2 years.
<http://www.detroitchamber.com/econdev/education-and-talent/detroit-scholarship-fund/>
- ✓ **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>.

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- ✓ **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.
- ✓ **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.samaritas.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 Andrea Martineau at 517-335-7515 or by email at mart1525@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>.
- ✓ **Cleary University** is offering a 50% Opportunity Matching Grant up to \$2000 annually for students eligible for the Michigan Educational Training Voucher (ETV). If eligible, a Michigan ETV scholarship may be \$4,000 per year plus a Cleary Opportunity Matching Grant of \$2,000 would total \$6,000 annually toward educational expenses at Cleary University. <http://www.cleary.edu/undergraduate/hs/financial-aid/hsscholarships/index.aspx>

The following schools now have Independent Living Skills Coaches and/or Campus Support Programs on campus:

- Aquinas College** www.aquinas.edu/undergraduate/foster_scholarship.html Fostering Success Scholarship Initiative
- Baker College of Flint** <http://www.baker.edu/campus/flint/> Living Independently Networking Knowledge (LINK)
- Eastern Michigan University** <http://www.emich.edu/magic> Mentorship Access Guidance in College (MAGIC)

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- Ferris State University** <http://www.ferris.edu/HTMLS/administration/president/DiversityOffice/fofyi/> Ferris Youth Initiative
- Grand Valley State University** www.gvsu.edu/cwge/fosteringlakersuccess Fostering Laker Success
- Kalamazoo Valley Community College** www.kvcc.edu
- Lansing Community College** <http://www.lcc.edu/supportservices/fosteringstars/> Fostering Stars
- Michigan State University** http://socialwork.msu.edu/outreach/foster_youth_alumni_svcs.php Fostering Academics Mentoring Excellence (FAME)
- Northwestern Michigan College** www.nmc.edu/your-nmc YourNMC Program
- Saginaw Valley State University** <http://www.svsu.edu/> Fostering an Academic Successful Transition (FAST)
- University of Michigan-Ann Arbor** <http://deanofstudents.umich.edu/blavin> Blavin Scholars Program
- University of Michigan-Flint** <http://www.umflint.edu/finaid> Mpowering My Success
- Washtenaw Community College** <http://src.wccnet.edu/> WCC REACH Program
- Wayne County Community College** <http://www.wcccd.edu/> SMART Program
- Wayne State University** www.tipwaynestate.org Transition to Independence Program (TIP)
- Western Michigan University** <http://www.wmich.edu/fyit/about/scholarsip.html> Seita Scholars Program

Other Websites to Checkout!

Foster Care

- <http://michigan.gov/fyit/>
- <http://fosteringssuccessmichigan.com/>
- <http://www.fc2success.org/>
- <http://www.casey.org/>
- <http://www.maeo.org>
- www.saveourchildrencoalition.org
- <http://rising-tides.org/>

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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/>