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Dear High School Senior:

As you complete your final year of high school and prepare for your postsecondary options, the following should be considered to maximize your opportunities for State of Michigan aid programs.

- Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).
  - A FAFSA is required each year to receive State aid, regardless of the program. The FAFSA must be submitted by March 1, 2021 to be considered on time for the Michigan Competitive Scholarship.
  - o The FAFSA can be completed at <u>www.fafsa.gov</u>.
- After your FAFSA is received, create a MiSSG Student Portal account at <a href="www.michigan.gov/missg">www.michigan.gov/missg</a> to provide contact information and monitor your State financial aid status.
  - Our office awards the first college/university listed on your FAFSA. If you decide to attend a different institution, please update this in the MiSSG Student Portal or call us at 1-888-447-2687.
- If you scored 1200 or higher on the SAT, you may qualify for the Michigan Competitive Scholarship (MCS).
  - o For consideration of MCS, we need to associate your SAT score with your FAFSA. To complete this process, we need your Social Security number (SSN). Your SSN may already be in our system, but we recommend that you ask your high school counselor to check your information in the MiSSG High School Counselor Portal or you can call us at 1-888-447-2687 to check.
- Check to see if you qualify for the Tuition Incentive Program (TIP).
  - To check your TIP eligibility, create a MiSSG Student Portal account at <a href="www.michigan.gov/missg">www.michigan.gov/missg</a> or call us at 1-888-447-2687. Please make sure your contact information is accurate and up-to-date.
  - A separate application is not required for TIP; however, some colleges/universities have additional processes for TIP students. If you are TIP eligible, contact the financial aid office of the college/university that you plan on attending to learn about their process for TIP eligible students.

To learn more about our programs and resources, please visit www.michigan.gov/mistudentaid.

Sincerely,

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