

## What Is TIP?

A **Tuition Incentive Program** (TIP) that helps pay college **tuition and mandatory fees** for students from low-income families.

## Am I Eligible?

You are eligible if you:

- are **receiving**/have received **Medicaid** from the Department of Human Services, **and**
- apply **before graduating high school** or **receiving a GED** (General Educational Development) certificate, **and**
- are **under the age of 20** at the time of graduation or GED completion.

To confirm your eligibility with TIP, please be sure to **fill out** the application included in this brochure and return it to your school's office.

## When May I Apply?

Students may apply for TIP at any time after the completion of the sixth grade, but students must be sure to apply **before** their high school graduation or GED completion.

## Where May I Go To College?

Local schools participating with TIP include **Baker College** and **Muskegon Community College**. There are **other participating colleges** and **universities** throughout Michigan, but it may be to your advantage to live at home as TIP does not provide for mileage, books, room and board, or extra tuition for out-of-district students.

## What Does TIP Cover?

### Planning for a two-year degree?

Tuition and mandatory fees for associate degree or certificate program courses at a participating college or university.

Those classes taken within four years following high school graduation or GED completion, up to a maximum of 80 semester or 120 term credits.

TIP pays up to 100% of current in-district resident tuition rates at the community colleges and participating four-year universities. (A limited reimbursement per credit hour is paid at participating independent, nonprofit colleges and universities.)

Eligible students will remain so as long as they meet the academic progress requirements of the attending college or university.

### Planning for a four-year degree?

TIP will provide up to \$2,000 in tuition benefits to qualified students continuing their education beyond the associate degree or certificate program level. Students must attend a participating Michigan four-year college or university and must have an associate's degree or at least 56 accepted semester credits from a TIP college or university.

## How Will I Know?

Students who are eligible to receive money from TIP will receive a letter from the Michigan Department of Treasury in response to their application.

**TIP HOTLINE**  
**1-888-447-2687**

## Fill It Out!

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY		
Social Security Number (required)		
Last Name		First Name
Mailing Address		
City	MI	Zip Code
Area Code ( )	Home Telephone Number	
Birthdate (Month, Day, Year)	Male <input type="checkbox"/>	Female <input type="checkbox"/>
Check for statistical purposes (optional)		
<input type="checkbox"/> White	<input type="checkbox"/> Black	
<input type="checkbox"/> Indian	<input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic	
<input type="checkbox"/> Asian	<input type="checkbox"/> Multi-Racial	
Diploma <input type="checkbox"/>	GED <input type="checkbox"/>	
High School (or Middle/Jr. High) Name		
Anticipated Graduation or GED Completion Date		Current Grade Level
Month	Year	
Participating College/University You Wish to Attend		
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## More Questions?

If you have questions about furthering your education or about other financial aid you may need (Federal Pell Grant, Student Loans, etc.), contact your **high school counselor** or the **college financial aid office**.

### **Baker College Financial Aid**

231-777-5231

### **MCC Financial Aid**

231-777-0221

### **TIP Hotline**

1-888-447-2687

Call toll free with any questions about TIP.

**Here's a TIP for your future: fill out your application today to see if you are eligible to receive money for college!**

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