

# Open Letter to OCC Students

## Re: State of Michigan Financial Aid Programs

The future of the Michigan Promise Scholarship and other state financial aid programs are being discussed by Governor Granholm and the Michigan Legislature. Because of the financial challenges facing the state, the Michigan Promise Scholarship and some other financial aid programs have been targeted for elimination. A final decision may not come until later this summer.

While we are waiting for this decision, fall registration at OCC will begin. In the past, OCC has awarded state aid based on the projection that funding would be forthcoming. **However, during these difficult financial times, we will not be able to process state awards until we receive funding confirmation.**

If the Michigan Promise Scholarship is the only aid assistance you received, you will need to **pay your tuition and fees by the payment deadline dates to hold your classes. If you receive other financial aid, i.e., Federal Pell Grant, FSEOG, Federal Stafford Subsidized and/or Unsubsidized Loans, this aid will be applied against your tuition and fees.** All complete and accurate applications submitted by June 30, 2009 will be processed before classes begin. Students who missed this deadline should be prepared to pay and received reimbursement later, if eligible.

If you need financial assistance and have not completed the federal application, you may apply for financial aid at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov).

If the Michigan Promise Scholarship and other state financial aid programs are approved for funding, we will process your file. If your tuition and fees are paid, you will receive a refund when the aid is awarded.

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