

## Ordering Philosophy of TIP and FFS

### Order of Packaging

Each institution shall ensure that all known available restricted grants for tuition and fees are used prior to applying state aid programs.

Students may have multiple state aid programs designated for tuition and fees. In that case, remember that TIP is always\* billed as the last dollar **except when a student has the Fostering Futures Scholarship (FFS).**

*\* The only exception to this is if the student has an award from one of the ten Promise Zones in the state (Baldwin School District, Battle Creek School District, Benton Harbor School District, City of Detroit, Hazel Park School District, Jackson School District, Lansing School District, Muskegon Intermediate School District, Pontiac School District and Saginaw School District).*

Legislation that governs these Promise Zones states specifically that other student aid including TIP must be applied prior to Promise Zone funds.

This is not to be confused with the Kalamazoo Promise. The Kalamazoo Promise program is not one of the zones and should be treated as any other outside scholarship for tuition and fees.

### Fostering Futures Scholarship Order of Packaging

When packaging/certifying an award for the Fostering Futures Scholarship (FFS), the amount should cover unmet need up to the cost of attendance. When calculating FFS, FFS is packaged (and need calculated) prior to student loans. The FFS always comes before student loans and covers up to \$3,000 or need, whichever is less. If a student has TIP and FFS, TIP must be awarded first.